

Sulphuric Acid Spill in Kingston Harbour

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) in a release today informed the public that close to 300 tonnes of Sulphuric Acid were released into the sea in the vicinity of Berth One, Port Bustamante, Kingston Harbour, Friday night (September 11). ODPEM said that the source of the spill was a container located at Berth One. A Team from ICC conducted clean up operations, while a team comprising representatives of National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), the Marine Police, the Fire Brigade and ODPEM conducted investigations into the source of the spill and monitored clean up operations. The release credited NEPA with reporting that the waters near the Greenwich Town Fishing Beach is still highly acidic as a result of the spill. The public is being asked to avoid swimming, bathing or harvesting fish in the vicinity of Berth One in the Kingston Harbour and the Greenwich Town Fishing Village, until further notice. ODPEM said it will continue to monitor the situation.