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LUKOIL DEVELOPS NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE IN THE ARCTIC

LUKOIL has developed a new technique to respond to oil spills in the Arctic waters. The new multi-patented technology is based on the use of biosorbents with cold-resistant microbial strains at contaminated salt and fresh waters.

Pilot testing proved self-destructing biosorbents as the most efficient tool of emergency oil spill response in north latitudes, where low temperatures and ice conditions make conventional oil containment and recovery methods ineffective.

As soon as the new oil spill response technique is approved through the state environmental expert review, it will be integrated across the company's facilities and will become an important component of LUKOIL's biodiversity conservation plan, launched upon the request of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, who called for safe development of the Arctic regions.

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