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To: All Interested Parties

### **30-Day Comment Period for National Energy Board Proposed Regulations for Pipeline Damage Prevention in *Canada Gazette* Part I**

The *Pipeline Safety Act* (Bill C-46) received royal assent on 18 June 2015, and makes amendments to the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act) that will be in force within one year. Due to the *Pipeline Safety Act* amendments to the NEB Act (sections 2 and 112), the NEB must update its regulations for pipeline damage prevention.

In addition, the proposed regulations include amendments to aspects of the damage prevention framework that were previously developed. These amendments relate to formalizing the requirement for a pipeline company to have a damage prevention program and one-call centre requirements for both companies and anyone planning an activity near a pipeline.

The proposed regulations are:

- *National Energy Board Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Authorizations*
  - Will replace the *National Energy Board Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part I*
- *National Energy Board Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Obligations of Pipeline Companies*
  - Will replace the *National Energy Board Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part II*
- *Regulations Amending the National Energy Board Onshore Pipeline Regulations*
- *Regulations Amending Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations (National Energy Board)*

The proposed regulations are issued in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I on 19 March 2016, for a 30-day comment period, with **written comments to be submitted by 18 April 2016**. The proposed regulations and the Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement are available on the [Canada Gazette](#) website:

- under 'Recent Publications', click on "[Part I Notices and Proposed Regulations](#)";
- look under 'Part I, 19 March 2016, Vol. 150, No. 12';
- the proposed regulations and RIAs are on pages 813 to 854.

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The proposed regulations are attached to this letter. The proposed regulations, along with Questions and Answers, can also be accessed on the NEB's website ([www.neb-one.gc.ca](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca)) under the heading "30 Day Comment Period for Proposed Regulations for Pipeline Damage Prevention in *Canada Gazette*, Part I – 19 March to 18 April 2016". On the NEB's home page, please go to: About Us / Acts and Regulations / Regulations, Guidance Notes and Related Documents under the *National Energy Board Act/ National Energy Board Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part I and Part II*.

Comments on the proposed regulations must be provided **in writing** and be submitted by mail, fax or email by **18 April 2016**. All comments submitted must cite the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, the date of publication (19 March 2016), and be addressed to:

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### **Webex sessions on proposed regulations**

The NEB will provide information sessions on the proposed regulations by Webex and teleconference. The schedule is provided below; all times are in Mountain Time (MT).

To register for a Webex session, and to find out how to participate, please email: [damagepreventionregs@neb-one.gc.ca](mailto:damagepreventionregs@neb-one.gc.ca) at least **two days** before the date of the session. Please note that where there are no registrants for a session, the session will be cancelled.

If you have questions about the proposed regulations, please submit them to [damagepreventionregs@neb-one.gc.ca](mailto:damagepreventionregs@neb-one.gc.ca) at the time you register.

#### Webex Schedule:

<b>Session</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Register by:</b>
30 March 2016	Noon – 1.30 p.m. MDT	English	28 March 2016
31 March 2016	3.00 – 4.30 p.m. MDT	French	29 March 2016
5 April 2016	3.00 – 4.30 p.m. MDT	French	3 April 2016
7 April 2016	3.30 – 5.00 p.m. MDT	English	5 April 2016

For other questions related to the proposed regulations, please contact Shannon Neufeld, Technical Leader, Damage Prevention, at 403-299-2778 or 1-800-899-1265, or email: [shannon.neufeld@neb-one.gc.ca](mailto:shannon.neufeld@neb-one.gc.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by L. George for*

Sheri Young  
Secretary of the Board

Attachments