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To: All Interested Parties

Damage Prevention Guidance for Municipal Operations and Maintenance Activities

The NEB provides guidance to assist interested parties in understanding and complying with its regulatory requirements. For the *National Energy Board Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Authorizations* and *National Energy Board Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Obligations of Pipeline Companies* (DPRs), a key objective is to ensure that NEB-regulated pipeline companies and those members of the public conducting activities near NEB-regulated pipelines understand and abide by their legal obligations.

Based on concerns expressed by municipalities located in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia about the applicability of the DPRs, the NEB collaborated with municipalities and pipeline companies operating in the region to develop new guidance. This new guidance provides further clarity and direction for all Canadian municipalities to safely and efficiently undertake routine operations and maintenance activities and also provides NEB-regulated pipeline companies with direction.

The new guidance is attached here and can also be found on the NEB website at www.neb-one.gc.ca in the Safety and Environment tab, in the Damage Prevention section. Through ongoing engagement activities, NEB staff will continue to seek input from stakeholders across Canada regarding continual improvement of the NEB's pipeline damage prevention regulatory framework and supporting guidance.

For questions or comments related to the DPRs and the guidance, please call us toll free at 1-800-899-1265 to have a Damage Prevention Operations Inspector return your call, or email us at DPinfo@neb-one.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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