

# TNPInfo

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## National Energy Board becomes Canada Energy Regulator

As part of federal Bill C-69, the National Energy Board (NEB) – the agency responsible for regulating pipeline activities that cross provincial and international borders – has been renamed the Canada Energy Regulator (CER), effective August 28, 2019.

In addition to the new name, regulations that previously fell under the NEB Act are now subject to the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, which incorporates NEB best-practices and introduces some enhancements to the Regulator’s governance structure, strengthened safety and environmental protection, and greater and more inclusive Indigenous and public participation.

Trans-Northern’s Ontario-Quebec pipeline is now regulated by the CER, and we are in the process of updating our materials to reflect the change.

You can learn more about the CER by visiting [cer-rec.gc.ca](http://cer-rec.gc.ca)

Trans-Northern remains committed to operating in a safe and environmentally responsible manner in order to protect the public, the environment and the pipeline. We look forward to working with the CER in the east, and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) in the west as we continue to deliver on that commitment across our operations.

## Practice, practice, practice!

In October, Trans-Northern assembled members of its staff as well as representatives from nearly 30 organizations and agencies to conduct a full-scale, field emergency response exercise in the City of Quinte West, Ontario.

Working with local officials, first responders, and contractors, a two-day exercise and information-sharing session was planned and executed alongside representatives from the Canada Energy Regulator, Environment Canada, and other partners. The exercise allowed Trans-Northern to practice alongside subject-matter experts from Imperial Oil, Shell, and the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA), putting its emergency response plan and training to the test in a joint incident command scenario.

You can read more about Trans-Northern’s Emergency Management planning and preparedness on our web site at [tnpi.ca](http://tnpi.ca)

## Brush clearing – a path to safety

Trans-Northern's regulated pipelines help deliver refined petroleum products – such as gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, and heating fuel – to people and businesses such as you and your neighbours in Ontario, Quebec, and Alberta every day.

Along that pipeline is a strip of land that runs parallel to the line, called the "right-of-way." Trans-Northern is responsible for ensuring that right-of-way remains accessible should the company need to access the pipeline for maintenance activities or in the unlikely event of an emergency; for protecting the pipeline by working with landowners and contractors to manage activity on or near the pipeline so it's completed safely; and for ensuring that there are no hazards located within the right-of-way that could damage the pipeline.

Natural vegetation such as overgrown grass, bushes and tree roots in the right-of-way must be regularly cleared to ensure safe and easy access to the pipeline, and keep the pipeline's protective coating safe from damage from roots which could lead to corrosion, and ultimately, product leaks.

**In the coming months, preventative maintenance such as integrity digs, brush clearing, and water course inspections are scheduled to be performed in the following communities:**

### Ontario

- Alnwick-Haldimand
- Augusta
- Belleville
- Brighton
- Brockville
- Clarington
- Cobourg
- Cornwall
- Edwardsburgh-Cardinal
- Elizabethtown-Kitley

- Greater Napanee
- Hamilton Township
- Ingleside
- Kingston
- Leeds and the Thousand Islands
- Oshawa
- Pickering
- Port Hope
- Prescott
- Quinte West
- South Dundas

- South Stormont
- Spencerville
- Toronto
- Williamsburg

### Quebec

- Dorval
- Laval
- Les-Cèdres
- Montréal
- Saint-Clet
- Stain-Lazare
- Vaudreuil-Dorion

As part of our ongoing pipeline maintenance program, regular brush clearing is performed throughout the year, weather and conditions permitting. Trans-Northern will communicate with landowners in the area in advance of any clearing activity, and ensure all required permits are obtained.

Brush clearing is done with specialized machinery and hand tools when needed, but Trans-Northern does not use pesticides as part of its clearing work. Marker signs may be installed along the right-of-way during this time, as deemed necessary.

Safety – of the public, of the environment, and of the pipeline – remain our top priority. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping the pipeline right-of-way safe and clear.

## Important reminders

We all play a role in pipeline safety and damage prevention.

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**



**CALL 911 IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK**

# 911

Pipelines are recognized as the safest method of transporting refined petroleum products over long distances. Although pipeline leaks are very rare, it's important to know the signs and what to do if you suspect a leak.

If you suspect a leak due to visible flow or pooling of a petroleum product, an unusual oil stain on land or the appearance of a sheen or bubbles in water, the smell of gasoline or oil, or the appearance of dead or discoloured vegetation on or near the pipeline right-of-way...

- Move to a safe location
- Call 911
- Then call our Emergency Services hotline at **1-800-361-0608**

**Your safety, and that of the environment, are Trans-Northern's top priority.**