

TNPI Info

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Consent for activities near the pipeline

As National Dig Safe Awareness Month wraps up for 2022, we wanted to put a spotlight on activities that can take place on or near a pipeline that don't involve actual digging, but still require Trans-Northern's consent. Notably, the operation of a vehicle or mobile equipment across the right-of-way (ROW) outside of existing roadways.

Crossing the pipeline ROW with a vehicle or heavy equipment outside the travelled portion of a highway or public road can pose a threat to the pipeline. A safety assessment and written consent by Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (TNPI) – *operators of the Alberta Products Pipe Line (APPL)* – is required by anyone operating a vehicle or equipment across the pipeline.

Examples of vehicles and equipment that require written consent to cross include, but are not limited to:

- Excavators
- Dozers
- Loaders
- Compactors
- Graders
- Trucks and trailers

In some circumstances, such as in agricultural activities for the production of crops and the raising of animals, heavy machinery can be used near a pipeline. More detailed information on protecting agricultural land and the pipeline can be found at tnpi.ca/public-awareness/agricultural-information.

For more information on vehicle or equipment crossings, or to request written consent to cross the TNPI ROW with a vehicle or equipment, please contact: crossingrequests@tnpi.ca.





To learn more about how TNPI protects the waterways and water crossings along its pipeline routes, visit tnpi.ca/public-awareness/water-crossings to view the full fact sheet.

*Control point means a location along the pipeline pre-identified as an initial control or containment strategy to minimize impacts of spilled product. The objective of a control point may be to contain, collect, divert or exclude product from further impacting sensitive environmental, economic or cultural resources.

Protecting our water

From wetlands, small streams, ditches, and creeks, to larger lakes and rivers, TNPI's pipelines operate near numerous bodies of water in Alberta. These water crossings require specialized monitoring and maintenance activities to ensure that we protect the environment, the community, and the pipeline.

In addition to 24/7 monitoring of our pipeline operations using the latest in technology, TNPI employs a number of measures to protect the waterways along its pipeline systems, including:

- Visual monitoring of the ROW (aerial and ground), with scheduled visual inspections of underwater pipeline segments;
- Remote-controlled valves on either side of major waterways that can stop the flow of product through the pipeline in the unlikely event of an emergency; and
- Identified control points along the pipeline system allow for immediate access to the waterway in the event of an emergency for containment in the unlikely event of a release into the water.



Important reminders

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

CALL OR CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG OR CROSS



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 line at **1-800-361-0608** – available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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

Did you know... The Trans-Northern Pipelines web site has resources just for our landowners? These include an email address (info@tnpi.ca), as well as a landowner survey where you can share your feedback. Visit tnpi.ca/landowners for full details.

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Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.

