

# Emergency Response Planning

Pipelines are the safest way to transport oil across North America, and TransCanada is a North American energy transportation leader with one of the best safety records in the industry. From design and construction to operations and maintenance, safety is our top priority.

Before going into operation, pipelines need an Emergency Response Plan and TransCanada has a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in place for every pipeline it operates. ERPs are not typically developed until a project receives regulatory approval and any special conditions or requirements for routing, safety and emergency response have been set by the National Energy Board.

However, as announced on April 2, 2015, TransCanada will be expediting the emergency response planning process before the guidelines set out by the NEB require us to do so.

## Being Prepared

While we must emphasize that an emergency is unlikely, we also need to be prepared for any potential incident. It's important to understand that if an emergency does occur, TransCanada is responsible for providing the clean-up, expertise, equipment and personnel needed to restore a site to its previous condition. To ensure we're ready for any situation, TransCanada will identify along the pipeline route a combination of company personnel, equipment and contract resources in its ERP.

Detailed analysis of emergency scenarios helps us determine where to locate these resources so we can respond as quickly and effectively as possible. We have already met with local and regional emergency response agencies along the pipeline route to provide preliminary information about emergency response planning and to encourage their involvement in helping us develop our ERP.

We will continue to work with regional first responders to develop our ERPs that will be submitted to the NEB well in advance of the pipeline beginning operation. The existing Keystone Pipeline and the Canadian Mainline have response plans that will serve as the basis for the Energy East ERP.

## Minimizing the Impacts

TransCanada's ERP will implement the most effective strategies, techniques, and equipment to respond to any emergency in all of our operating environments along the pipeline. During an emergency, we work in collaboration with local responders and regulatory agencies to develop our strategies based on site specific conditions.

Ultimately, the regulatory agencies will outline the remediation criteria that we need to meet. TransCanada is prepared with appropriate response techniques and processes that are approved by regulatory agencies to respond to emergency situations.

## Local Officials and Emergency Management Services Involvement

TransCanada is responsible for planning and handling emergency response scenarios as well as costs associated with emergencies. However, we also work with local first responders to help them prepare for possible pipeline emergencies by providing free awareness training, actively engaging them during our emergency response field exercises to participate, and reviewing our emergency response plans as well as each other's roles and responsibilities during table top exercises. In addition, we manage responses using the Incident Command System (ICS) – a system widely used by first responders. When we train our personnel in the ICS and other spill response courses we invite first responders to attend. We organize these exercises at various locations along the pipeline route and schedule awareness training with first responders at locations convenient for them.

# Energy East Pipeline



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