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Pipeline Damage Prevention Requirements

TO: Industry Clients

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) notes that the pipeline damage prevention requirements in section 7(1) of the Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Regulations became effective Oct. 4, 2011.

As per clause 7(1)(b) of the Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Regulation:

7(1) A pipeline permit holder must not operate a pipeline approved by the permit unless

- (a) the holder has prepared a pipeline integrity management program for the pipeline that complies with CSA Z662 and Annex N of CSA Z662,
- (b) the holder has prepared a damage prevention program for the purpose of anticipating and preventing damage to the permit holder's pipeline,
- (c) the pipeline is operated in accordance with the pipeline integrity management program and the damage prevention program,
- (d) the holder is a member of BC One Call.

All pipeline permit holders within British Columbia must now be members of BC One Call. In addition, companies must have developed and implemented a Damage Prevention Program (DPP) for the purpose of anticipating and preventing damage to pipelines. Guidance on the content of DPPs may be obtained from the Recommended Practice for Damage Prevention Programs found on the Commission's [website](#).

The Commission is in the process of developing an assessment program for the evaluation of DPPs that will ensure the permit holders have met the requirements of section 7(1). This work is being led by the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance on behalf of the Commission and will involve an extensive consultation process similar to that which was used in the development of the Recommended Practice.

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