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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**For Immediate Release**

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### **NOVEMBER 22 PIPING FAILURE AT ENCANA SWAN A5-7-77-14**

**POUCE COUPE** – On the morning of Sunday, November 22, 2009 there was a piping failure at an EnCana natural gas well site situated approximately 10 km south of Pouce Coupe at LSD 5 of Section 7 Township 77 Range 14 west of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meridian. The cause of the incident is under investigation by the Oil and Gas Commission (Commission). At this time, there is no evidence of external interference. Although no conclusive determinations on cause or contributing factors can be made pending the outcome of the investigation, preliminary findings indicate that the failure is likely related to abnormal operational factors.

Preliminary information from well site instruments appears to indicate the failure occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m. EnCana operations staff arrived at the site at approximately 10:00 a.m. and the failed well site piping was secured by manually shutting in the well at approximately 10:45 a.m.

During the incident, approximately 15 persons from 11 nearby residences evacuated the area mustering at the Tomslake Community Hall. Residents returned home at about 1:00 pm. As part of the investigation, the Commission is reviewing the response by all parties to this incident to identify areas for improvement.

A final report summarizing the results of the Commission's investigation will be published on the Commission website on Monday, January 11, 2010. The Commission is holding a resident (public) meeting to discuss the incident, the investigation results, and the recommendations arising from the investigation. The public meeting will be held at the Pouce Coupe Seniors Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

**If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact:**

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