



Changes to CSA Class Location Change Requirements for Pipelines

To: Industry clients

Effective date: Immediately

REQUIREMENT:

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has revised its application process to change the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) class location from an amendment to a Notice of Intent (NOI). This removes the land owner notification requirements associated with an amendment type of application under Section 31 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA). A rationale supporting the change will still be required. In addition, if the pipeline will not be modified to meet the requirements of the higher class location, an engineering assessment supporting this will be required according to CSA Z662 Clause 10.7.1 as an attachment to the submission.

BACKGROUND:

This was determined to be appropriate for two reasons. The change of the class location is due to changes in population density or location development, and does not constitute physical changes to the pipeline. As such, no land owner or public notification is required. In addition, there are no changes to the permit required as a result of a class location change only. In instances where physical modifications are necessary for the pipeline to be safely operated at the new class location, an amendment to modify the pipeline will be required. In these instances, the class location change may be included in the amendment scope in place of a separate notice detailing the class location change.

Documentation pertaining to the Change of CSA Class Location is being updated to reflect this change. This application will be listed as an NOI in KERMIT and the directions on how to apply will be included in Section 9 of the next revision of the Pipeline Operations Manual.

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