



## Reporting Requirements for Unauthorized Third-party Activities Near a Pipeline

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is clarifying the reporting requirements for pipeline permit holders who notice non-compliant activities involving third parties around pipelines. Third parties cannot carry out construction or ground activity within 30 metres of a pipeline, unless authorized to do so as set out in Section 76 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA) and the Pipeline Crossing Regulation.

### THIRD-PARTY POTENTIAL NON-COMPLIANCE:

Non-compliance may have occurred if a third party starts unauthorized construction or ground activity within 30 metres of a pipeline. Pipeline permit holders are encouraged to disclose such instances to the Commission by emailing the following information to [C&E@bcogc.ca](mailto:C&E@bcogc.ca):

- Name of third party
- Location of work site (address and geographic coordinates)
- Type of works
- Measured distance of works from pipeline
- Measured depth of works
- Pipeline project and segment number
- Confirmation that third-party activity was not authorized in accordance with OGAA *Section 76*
- Photos and diagrams of site activity

### THIRD-PARTY INCIDENTS:

A pipeline permit holder must report an incident if they observe a third party making physical contact with a pipeline as set out in the [Incident Reporting Instructions and Guidelines](#), whether or not such work was authorized. The pipeline permit holder must also report an incident if a third-party is likely to make physical contact with a pipeline and refuses to halt activity.

Other unauthorized activities are not considered incidents, unless the circumstances meet the criteria set out in the Incident Reporting Instructions and Guidelines.

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

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