



MEDIA STATEMENT

Chris Bloomer, President & CEO, on the federal government's announcement on Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement and the Northern Gateway Pipeline project

The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) is pleased with the federal government's decision to approve Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement project. Replacing Line 3 is the safest, most efficient way to maintain its reliability and meet the transportation requirements of shippers, as well as the energy needs of end-users.

The replacement will restore the delivery capacity, enabling it to efficiently transport Canadian resources to a key existing market; the United States. This project demonstrates the importance our members place on ensuring the safety and effectiveness of their operations by employing the latest in pipeline innovation and technology.

In response to the government's decision to direct the NEB to dismiss the Northern Gateway application, CEPA is disappointed that after years of exhaustive analysis, consultation and review this significant and necessary pipeline project will not go forward. The Northern Gateway project was an opportunity to broader access to new markets in the Pacific Rim that would ensure Canada receives full value for its resources.

Today's decision confirms the need for greater policy clarity earlier in the decision-making process to avoid the uncertainty that has characterized this review.

CEPA is currently participating in the federal government's review of Canada's environmental and regulatory processes. With respect to evaluation methods for NEB regulated interprovincial pipelines, CEPA has put forward a proposal that would seek clarity early on in the review process. It would ensure public policy matters such as climate change, Indigenous rights and matters of personal, local or regional interests are addressed before proponents invest hundreds of millions of dollars and many years into a project.

For over fifty years, energy products have been shipped to and from B.C.'s coast. CEPA will carefully review the details of the government's moratorium on crude oil shipping off the north coast of British Columbia, its impact on our industry and on access to Canadian export markets.

ABOUT CEPA

CEPA represents Canada's transmission pipeline companies who operate about 134,000 kilometres of pipeline in Canada and the United States. In 2015, these energy highways moved approximately 1.2 billion barrels of liquid petroleum products and 5.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Our members transport 97 per cent of Canada's daily natural gas and onshore crude oil from producing regions to markets throughout North America.

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