



CEPA MEDIA STATEMENT

Chris Bloomer, president and CEO, on the approval of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project

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The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) applauds the federal government's decision to approve Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project. Today's announcement demonstrates clear action and commitment to achieving the critical market access, necessary for the prosperity of our country. As the Prime Minister stated, this project is in the "national interest of all Canadians".

The Trans Mountain Expansion Project has undergone an extremely thorough review and consultation process; engaging many stakeholders including Indigenous peoples, landowners, government and Canadians. The additional work undertaken through the ministerial panel confirmed the rigour of the review undertaken by the NEB, and we are pleased the government has made their decision based on facts and science.

Pipelines are proven to be the safest and most effective way to transport large quantities of oil and natural gas. Over the past 10 years, CEPA members have delivered natural gas and liquid petroleum products with a 99.999 per cent safety record.

CEPA would also like to acknowledge the government's allocation of \$1.5 billion to a national Oceans Protection Plan. All CEPA members have rigorous emergency management programs in place in the unlikely event of a spill, and this funding will allow for similar rigour in the offshore environment.

Pipelines are critical to the Canadian economy and to the future energy mix, domestically and around the globe. It has been a long and extensive journey to get to this point, and CEPA looks forward to working with all stakeholders to move this important energy project forward.

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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