



CEPA MEDIA STATEMENT

Chris Bloomer, President and CEO's statement of support for the Pipeline Safety Act, Bill C-46

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The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) strongly supports the Pipeline Safety Act: Bill C-46 that went into force on June 18th. CEPA believes the establishment of the 'polluter pays' principle into Canadian law is an important and positive step to instill further public confidence in the transmission pipeline industry.

For the past four years CEPA has worked collaboratively with Natural Resources Canada, playing a key role in discussions and engaging the pipeline industry on this important legislative initiative.

CEPA supports the 'polluter pays' principle – which requires companies to maintain minimal financial resources necessary to pay for a spill – and believe it should apply to all operations that pose a risk to the environment or to human health and safety. Our members' low frequency of incidents and demonstrated commitment to effective emergency response and remediation efforts are consistent with the polluter-pay principle.

CEPA is encouraged by the level of consultation that occurred in the drafting of Bill C-46 and looks forward to supporting Natural Resources Canada, the National Energy Board, and other stakeholders in the continued development of regulations. CEPA remains committed to ensuring the existence of a safe, socially and environmentally sustainable energy pipeline industry for Canadians.

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