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INFORMATION LETTER #OGC 07-05

Subject: Mandatory adoption of Canadian Standards Association published standard CAN/CSA Z662-03, Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems, Annex's M and N

TO: All Stakeholders



OGAA UPDATE: All necessary regulations and documents for industry, as well as background information on OGAA for stakeholders and the public can be found at www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/

Background

On August 26, 2006 the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) issued Information letter #OGC 06-12 announcing the adoption of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) *Supplement No. 1 to CSA Standard Z662-03, Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems* including associated requirements and key target implementation dates. The supplement contained the new *Annex M: Sour Service Pipelines* and *Annex N: Guidelines for Pipeline Integrity Management Programs* (Annex N). Supplement No. 1, CSA product number Z662S1-05, is available through the Canadian Standards Association website at www.csa.ca.

The OGC is committed to improving public safety, protection of the environment, and conservation of petroleum resources. With the adoption of Annex's M and N the OGC will have enhanced oversight of pipeline licensee integrity management systems.

Requirement

The OGC has established a requirement for all pipeline owners and operators (licensees) to develop and implement pipeline integrity management programs that comply with Annex N.

Key dates relative to this requirement are as follows:

- **March 1, 2007** – develop an integrity management program that covers off Annex N Clauses N.1 to N.9; and
- **September 1, 2007** – develop hazard identification and controls, risk assessments, and program planning that covers Annex N Clauses N.10 to N.17.

March 1, 2007 is rapidly approaching, and the OGC will at that time be requiring licensees to submit their integrity management programs covering Annex N, Clauses N.1 to N.9.

OGC staff will contact licensees with the process for submitting their integrity management programs covering Annex N, Clauses N.1 to N.9, prior to February 25, 2007.

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