



WORLD-CLASS PIPELINE SAFETY

Priority	Action	Elements of a World-class Pipeline Safety System	From	To
Prevention 	Inspections	Increase the number of annual oil and gas pipeline inspections	100	150
	Audits	Increase the number of annual comprehensive audits	3	6
	Guidance	Seek the National Energy Board's (NEB's) guidance on the application of "best available technology" for pipeline projects	In practice	NEB guidance
	Enforcement	Enable the NEB to issue Administrative Monetary Penalties for individuals and companies that violate the <i>National Energy Board Act</i>	None	\$25,000 to \$100,000 per day
	Inspection Authorities	Strengthen and clarify inspection powers for NEB officers	Defined	Enhanced
Preparedness & Response 	Minimum Financial Resources	Require all companies operating pipelines to have minimum financial resources to be prepared for an incident (set at \$1 billion for companies operating major oil pipelines)	None	Set amounts
	Accessible Cash	Require all companies to have a minimum amount of cash available at all times to respond quickly to incidents	None	Set amounts
	Incident Response	Provide the NEB the authority to take control of incident response, in exceptional circumstances	No	Yes
	Aboriginal Participation	Develop a strategy with industry and Aboriginal organizations to enhance Aboriginal participation in pipeline safety	Limited integrated strategy	Increased aboriginal participation in planning, monitoring and response
Liability & Compensation 	Unlimited Liability	Clarify unlimited financial liability when companies are at fault or negligent	Common law	Explicitly in law
	Absolute Liability	Put in place liability to a set amount irrespective of fault or negligence for all companies operating pipelines	In practice	Set amounts (\$1 billion for major oil pipelines)
	Abandonment	Ensure pipeline operators are responsible for a pipeline during the entire lifecycle	In practice	Explicitly in law
	Pipeline Claims Tribunal	Enable the Government to establish a pipeline claims tribunal to examine and adjudicate claims for compensation in the event a company is unable or unwilling to do so	No	Yes
	Financial Backstop	Ensure resources are available for spill cleanup costs and damages, if a company is unable or unwilling to clean up and authorize the NEB to recover all costs from industry	No	Yes
	Arbitration Committees	Improve functioning of pipeline arbitration committees for compensation disputes with landowners including mandated timelines for appointments, hearings and decisions	None	Set timelines
	Cleanup Costs	Provide the NEB the authority to order the repayment of spill cleanup costs incurred by federal, provincial, municipal or Aboriginal governments	No	Yes