

CER Remediation Process Guide and Remediation Operating Practices Update

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The Canada Energy Regulator (CER) regulates inter-provincial and international pipelines, international power lines, offshore renewables, the export and import of energy, and tolls and tariffs, as well as oil and gas activities on frontier lands. In October 2020, the CER released the “2020 Remediation Process Guide” (the Guide), which came into force January 1, 2021, and provides information on the CER process for the submission of remediation process documents and guidance on how to maintain compliance with requirements. The Guide provides the framework for companies to demonstrate they are effectively anticipating, preventing, managing and mitigating adverse effects of contamination related to their facilities and is an update of the first National Energy Board (NEB) Remediation Process Guide that was published in May 2011. This presentation will include the regulatory context, background and requirements of the remediation process, contaminated sites reported to the CER and examples of site lifecycles. Updates on the CER Remediation operating practices to be included in the discussion are the public posting of Notices of Contamination and annual updates submitted since August 2018 and the collection of information for the Online Event Reporting System.

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