

New National Energy Board Guidance on Damage Prevention for Municipal Operations and Maintenance Activities

Based on concerns expressed by municipalities located in British Columbia about the applicability of the Damage Prevention Regulation, the National Energy Board (NEB) has developed a new guidance document, titled *Damage Prevention Guidance for Municipal Operations and Maintenance Activities* for Canadian municipalities to safely and efficiently undertake routine operations and maintenance activities around energy infrastructure. The document provides information and direction for routine municipal operations and maintenance activities potentially resulting in construction, ground disturbance or vehicle crossings within the vicinity of an NEB-regulated pipeline.

Each ground disturbance, construction activity, or vehicle crossing is unique and the information presented by the NEB cannot deal with all cases; however, this guide is designed to help determine whether a municipality must notify the pipeline company for a safety assessment prior to commencing a municipal operations or maintenance activity.

The guide also provides NEB-regulated pipeline companies with direction in their interactions with municipalities.

The *Damage Prevention Guidance for Municipal Operations and Maintenance Activities* can be found [here](#).

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