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To: Stakeholders, including Industry, Associations and Academia
With Relevant Technical Expertise and Knowledge

**NEB Requested to Conduct a Study for the Minister of Natural Resources on
Best Available Technologies Used in Federally-Regulated Pipelines**

On 5 February 2015, the Chair of the National Energy Board (NEB) received a request from the Minister of Natural Resources to undertake a study and provide a report on the use of best available technologies in federally-regulated pipelines. This includes construction methods, materials, and emergency response techniques. The Board has expertise in energy safety practices and is well equipped to conduct a study related to the use of best available technologies on the pipelines we regulate.

Pursuant to subsection 26(2) of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act):

- 26 (2) The Board shall, with respect to energy matters, sources of energy and the safety and security of pipelines and international power lines, ...
- (b) prepare such studies and reports as the Minister may request; ...

The NEB is actively engaged in collecting information around pipeline technologies and acts as a convener of expert fora. For example, NEB staff assist in the organization of, and participation in, discussions around pipeline technologies and regulatory best practices at a number of conferences, to further our position as a world class regulator. Examples of fora convened by the NEB are the NEB's 2013 [Pipeline Safety Forum](#), and upcoming 2015 [Safety Forum](#). The goals of this year's forum will be an open exchange of information on technical pipeline issues; increasing understanding of stakeholder concerns; and identifying opportunities that both industry and regulators can take to improve safety outcomes to better protect people, property and the environment.

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Over the next year, the NEB will engage with stakeholders, which include academia, industry and associations with relevant expertise. We will gather information on best available technologies and will prepare a report no later than 31 March 2016.

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Yours truly,

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