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RE: Non-Disclosure Agreements for Emergency Procedures Manuals
Reference: NEB Letter dated 05 February 2015

Dear Mr. Watson

In response to your letter of 05 February 2015, I am pleased to provide you with this interim response. The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) is committed to ensuring that all Canadians benefit from a safe, socially and environmentally sustainable energy pipeline industry. Our activities focus first and foremost on the prevention of all incidents and thereafter, in the unlikely event of a product release, on effective preparedness and timely response. CEPA's Board of Directors meets next on 11 March 2015 and I anticipate that in response to your letter of 5 February 2015, an executive level task force will be formed to consider and recommend the means through which standard and proactive practices across the Association's membership might be developed to address appropriate disclosure of emergency response information to municipalities and the public. I look forward to further communication with you subsequent to that date in order to set out the manner in which the members of the Association will intend to respond more fully to your request.

I trust that this interim response will be satisfactory and look forward to continuing progress apace on this important area of concern to Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

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