



National Energy Board
Office national de l'énergie

NEB in the NORTH

What is the National Energy Board?

The National Energy Board (NEB) is an independent federal agency that regulates the construction and operation of pipelines which cross international or provincial borders, international power lines and designated interprovincial power lines, and aspects of international trade in natural gas, oil and electricity. The National Energy Board is also responsible for all physical activities related to oil and gas exploration and operations in the North.

Our Vision is to be a respected leader in energy regulation that protects and enables in the Canadian public interest.*



Areas of Expertise

The National Energy Board is located in Calgary, Alberta and employs about 300 people. Services in both of Canada's official languages are available and our organization reflects a diverse workplace.

We employ a variety of professionals in support of our activities in the North and throughout Canada, including:

Economists, engineers, environmental specialists, field inspectors, financial analysts, right of way specialists, socio-economic, market and supply analysts. These functions are supported by professionals in the communications, human resources, information technology and legal areas.

This expertise assists the Board in promoting safety, environmental protection and economic efficiency in the Canadian public interest within the mandate set by Parliament in the regulation of pipeline energy development and trade.



Regulatory Responsibilities

The NEB regulates oil and gas activities on frontier lands and offshore areas not covered by provincial/federal management agreements (for example; the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Sable Island).

Responsibilities include regulating exploration, development and production, enhancing worker safety and protecting the environment.

Other frontier activities include:

- calculating discovered and undiscovered hydrocarbon resources;
- developing emergency environmental contingency plans; and
- fostering programs which support and complement the NEB's regulatory responsibilities.

Publications and Statistics

Publications about petroleum resource management on frontier lands include:

- Information for companies conducting frontier operations;
- Results of inquiries and investigations;
- Technical reports; and
- Catalogues of drilling, geophysical, geological and environmental program reports.

The Board also issues reports for areas under its jurisdiction called Energy Market Assessments. These reports are part of the Board's monitoring responsibilities and provide information on the functioning of energy in regions throughout Canada. We also regularly compile a number of statistics based on data received from regulated companies to produce publicly available information on energy imports and exports. These are updated on a regular basis and can be viewed on our Web site.



Many of the National Energy Board's publications are available on our Web site. Check the publications section of the site for a current list (www.neb-one.gc.ca)

If you do not have access to the Internet, copies of specific NEB publications can be ordered from our publications coordinator:

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*The public's society's values and preferences evolve over time. As a regulator, the Board must estimate the overall public good a project may create and its potential negative aspects, weigh its various impacts, and make a decision.