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INFORMATION LETTER #OGC 06-08

SUBJECT: Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Can/CSA Z662-03 "Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems" Annex M and Annex N Supplement No. 1

To Industry Clients:

The Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is aware that in December 2005 CSA published a Supplement Number 1 to Can/CSA Z662-03 "Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems" which included a non-mandatory Annex N "Guideline for Pipeline Integrity Management Programs" and a mandatory Annex M "Sour Service Pipelines". Supplement No. 1 which contains Annex M and Annex N, CSA product number Z662S1-05, is available through CSA at <u>www.csa.ca</u>.

In accordance with Section 10 of the *Pipeline Regulation* the Commission has adopted Annex M "Sour Pipeline Systems" as a revision to Can/CSA Z662-03, therefore pipeline owners and operators are to implement the requirements set out in Annex M.

The Commission proposes to approve Annex N as a requirement to Can/CSA Z662-03. If adopted, pipeline owners and operators would be required to develop and implement pipeline integrity management programs in compliance with Annex N. Annex N was developed and approved by a CSA committee that consisted of representatives from the upstream oil and gas industry, the downstream pipeline industry and regulatory authorities.

The Commission encourages all companies that may be affected by the adoption of Annex N to provide comments to the Commission within 90 days of the issuance of this information letter. All comments will be considered and if appropriate, clarification may be sought. The Commission does not anticipate any further consultation with respect to the approval of the Annex N revision. Please provide comments to:

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