



A new approach to pipeline safety

Following the October 9, 2018 pipeline rupture near Shelley, British Columbia (B.C.) we improved our approach to pipeline safety.

No incident is acceptable—ever. We know this incident has caused concerns and disrupted the lives of many people in the area. We commit that we have learned from this and have taken steps to ensure the safety of our natural gas system.

Since the Shelley incident, we've completed a comprehensive pipeline integrity program on our natural gas pipeline system in B.C.

It's part of an improved approach to pipeline safety and an ongoing commitment to continually improve the safety of our natural gas pipeline system.

Most aggressive inspection program ever undertaken

Following the Shelley pipeline incident in B.C., we took a series of decisive steps to validate and improve the safety of our natural gas pipeline system in the province.

This is the most aggressive inspection program ever undertaken on this pipeline system. The changes we've made to enhance pipeline safety go well beyond the industry standard.

Assessment of integrity program

We also launched an intensive assessment of our integrity program to identify areas of improvement and implement those changes. This has resulted in more frequent pipeline inspections using high-tech inspection tools, as well as improved screening criteria to evaluate and schedule inline inspections and maintenance work.

Enhanced pipeline inspections

The T-South natural gas pipeline system has been inspected with the latest generation inline pipeline inspection tool. This tool has double the number of sensors than previous inspection tools and is significantly more accurate at assessing potential problems like stress corrosion cracking.

The T-South pipeline system now is 100 per cent inspected by this tool.

We will continue to use this inspection tool going forward and will conduct inspections with it more frequently.

Increased integrity digs

We've increased the number of integrity dig inspections undertaken in a normal maintenance year.

During an integrity dig, we excavate a section of pipe to examine it further, validating its safety and undertaking proactive maintenance work if it is required. In 2019, we more than doubled the number of digs undertaken to validate the safety of our pipeline system compared to previous years.

If an incident were to occur, we will implement changes to ensure the ongoing safety of our pipeline system. We've done that—improving our approach to pipeline safety.

Our actions are guided by putting public safety first. And our top concern is—and will always be—your safety. We are working hard to regain the trust of the community.