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of
Saskatchewan

From: Honourable Bronwyn Eyre
Minister of Energy and Resources

Date: May 29, 2018

To: Colleen Young
Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy

Re: Question and Answer from April 30, 2018 Ministry of Energy and Resources Estimates

I respectfully submit the response to the outstanding questions from Ministry of Energy and Resources Estimates on April 30, 2018.

(Mr. Belanger)

Q. How many kilometers of pipelines in Saskatchewan can be inspected using inline inspection technology referred to as "pigging"?

Answer:

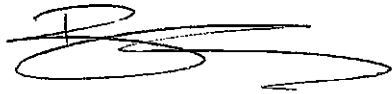
(Ministry of Energy and Resources) As of May 1, 2018, there is approximately 17,684 km of steel pipeline in Saskatchewan licensed under The Pipelines Act, 1998 that has a large enough diameter to be pigged using current technology to verify the integrity of the pipe. There is another 5,667 km of steel pipeline that is below the diameter. In addition, there is 2088 km of licenced pipe constructed of composite materials and polymers that are not prone to corrosion and therefore do not require inline inspection.

Q. Where does the responsibility lie for the reclamation of abandoned mines and what is the current process for ensuring financial risks are mitigated at industrial operations?

Answer:

(Ministry of the Environment) The Ministry of Environment oversees the management of abandoned sites where responsible parties either no longer exist or it is not feasible to hold them accountable. The *Mineral Industry Environmental Protection Regulations, 1996* requires all mining operations to have a decommissioning and reclamation plan in place and an assurance fund prior to operation.

Provisions in *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* require that financial assurances be in place for impacted sites where contamination is being managed with plans for future reclamation and the requirement will also extend to all industrial operations to have financial assurances in place by January 1, 2020.



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