

BULLETIN

Date	Subject	Notice
August 3, 2022	Revised <i>Directive PNG034: Saskatchewan Pipelines Code</i> in effect	BT2022-006

On August 3, 2022, a revised version of *Directive PNG034: Saskatchewan Pipelines Code* (Directive PNG034) came into effect. The in-force version of this directive may be found at [Directive PNG034: Saskatchewan Pipelines Code](#). Please ensure that your organization is aware of and follows the requirements outlined in the directive.

The Ministry of Energy and Resources (ER) conducted stakeholder consultations on the revisions to Directive PNG034 from November 2021 until January 2022. The revisions aim to enhance ER’s oversight activities respecting pipeline abandonments, particularly where pipeline abandonment work, if done improperly can involve significant risks to the public, property and the environment. The amended Directive PNG034 supports ER’s risk-based approach to oil and gas industry regulation by requiring pipeline operators to submit applications to ER for non-routine pipeline abandonments for ER review and approval, which will involve abandonments in sensitive areas such as watercourse crossings, shallow groundwater aquifers and densely populated areas. Also, pipeline operators will be required to notify ER before commencing approved non-routine pipeline abandonment work to ensure compliance with ER’s pipeline abandonment requirements.

Other noteworthy changes to Directive PNG034 include:

- New pipeline pressure-testing criteria, including providing ER with two business days’ advance notice prior to a scheduled test;
- A requirement to provide ER with reports on failed pressure test repairs on pipelines; and
- The ability for ER to request that oil and gas companies conduct any necessary work to ensure pipeline integrity.

Questions?

Information on the results of the consultation process and specific changes contained in Directives PNG034 can be found at [Notice of Accepted Amendments: Directive PNG034: Saskatchewan Pipelines Code](#).

If you have any questions or concerns contact the ER Service Desk at 1-855-219-9373 or ER.servicedesk@gov.sk.ca.