

Underground Network

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The SCGA would like to Welcome our new Sponsors and members
Over the last few months membership in the SCGA has continued to grow and is nearing 70. **Plains Midstream Canada** and **Crescent Point Energy** have joined as **Bronze Sponsors** of the SCGA. Thank you very much for your support.

Welcome to the following new SCGA member:
• Nova Chemicals Corporation

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2016, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. [SCGA Membership](#)



SCGA Organization Changes

The Board of directors of the SCGA are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Luis Wilson as President of The SCGA. Luis comes to us from Shermco Industries Canada where he is the Vice President of Operations.

After years of Service and growing the SCGA more than tenfold, Daryl Posehn has announced his retirement as Executive Director of the SCGA. Daryl will remain an advisor and consultant to the SCGA, where he will assist in the transfer and continue to spearhead the Mandatory one call legislation.

CALENDAR REMINDERS FOR 2016	
September	2016 Membership & Sponsorship Fees PAST DUE
TBD	Best Practices Forum
October 18-20	CCGA Damage Prevention Symposium, Banff
December 6	SCGA Annual General Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina



Pipeline Safety Act provides important and relevant changes to the NEB Act

On the 19th of June the *Pipeline Safety Act* came into force, making important changes to the *National Energy Board Act*, and to some extent the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*. The National Energy Board (NEB) welcomes these changes which enhance our regulatory toolkit.

The most significant changes to the Act relate to absolute liability and financial resource requirements, abandonment, pipeline releases, damage prevention, as well as audit and enforcement powers. Some of the specific changes resulting from the new legislation include:

- NEB-regulated companies operating pipelines that have the capacity to transport at least 250,000 barrels per day of oil will now be liable for all costs and damages for an unintended release, up to \$1 billion, regardless of fault. The remaining pipeline companies under NEB jurisdiction will have absolute liability limits set through regulations.
- New regulations for damage prevention have been made, which lay out the obligations of those planning construction of facilities, ground disturbance activities or vehicle or mobile equipment crossings in the area of an NEB-regulated pipeline, as well as the obligations of pipeline companies.
- The NEB's jurisdiction has been expanded to provide oversight of pipelines post-abandonment. Companies will remain liable for post-abandonment costs and damages. It also provides the NEB with new powers for Inspection Officers, and new authority to assume control of an abandonment or abandoned pipeline if a company is not complying with a Board order.
- The Governor in Council has been provided the authority, in the event of a pipeline release, to "designate" a company if it either does not have the ability to pay for the release, or does not comply with a Board order, and for the NEB to take over spill response.

CCGA Updates Best Practices Manual – Version 2.0

The SCGA has been a major contributor to the CCGA Best Practice Manual – Version 2.0, and we are excited for the release at the CCGA Symposium in Banff on Oct 18-20.

