






PIPELINES: PREVENTION AND SAFETY

Priority	Action	Elements of a World-class Pipeline Safety System	From	To
<div>Prevention</div> 	Transparency	Improve disclosure of publicly available pipeline safety documents	Limited	Public access
	Inspections	Increase the number of annual oil and gas pipeline inspections	100	150
	Audits	Increase the number of annual comprehensive audits	3	6
	Guidance	Allow the National Energy Board to provide guidance on "best available technology" as part of the pipeline review process	In practice	Explicit in law
	Enforcement	Apply Administrative Monetary Penalties for violations of the <i>National Energy Board Act</i>	None	\$25,000 to \$100,000 per day
	Inspection authorities	Strengthen and clarify inspection powers for orders and audits	In practice	Explicit in law
<div>Preparedness & Response</div> 	Minimum financial resources	Require pipeline companies to have minimum financial resources to be prepared for an incident (set at \$1B for major oil pipelines)	None	\$1B for major oil pipelines
	Accessible cash	Require companies to have a minimum amount of cash on hand to respond quickly to incidents	None	Set amounts
	Repayment for cleanup costs	Compel repayment of spill cleanup costs incurred by federal, provincial, municipal governments or Aboriginal communities	No	Yes
	Incident response	Enable regulatory powers for taking control of response and cleanup	No	Yes
	Aboriginal participation	Develop strategy with industry and Aboriginal communities to increase participation in pipeline safety	No strategy	Increased participation in planning, monitoring and response
<div>Liability & Compensation</div> 	Unlimited liability	Implement unlimited financial liability when companies are at fault or negligent	In practice	Explicit in law
	Absolute liability	Establish liability to a set amount regardless of fault or negligence (absolute liability)	None	\$1B for major oil pipelines
	Abandonment	Hold pipeline companies responsible for pipelines for entire lifecycle, including post abandonment	In practice	Explicit in law
	Financial backstop	Ensure resources are available for spill cleanup if a company is unable or unwilling (incapacitated) and recover costs from industry	No	Yes

Note: shaded area indicates action / element has already been announced.