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Annual Report on the *Privacy Act* 2024-2025

1. Introduction

This annual report describes how the Northern Pipeline Agency (NPA) met its responsibilities in administering the *Privacy Act* (Act) during fiscal year 2024-2025.

The *Privacy Act*

The purpose of the *Privacy Act*, which came into force on July 1, 1983, is to provide individuals with the right of access to and correction of personal information about themselves that is under the control of a government institution. The Act also provides the legal framework for the collection, retention, use, disclosure, disposition and accuracy of personal information in the administration of programs and activities by government institutions subject to the Act.

Section 72 of the Act requires that the head of every government institution prepare an annual report on the administration of the Act during the financial year and table it in Parliament.

The Northern Pipeline Agency

Description

The NPA was created with the proclamation of *the Northern Pipeline Act* in April 1978 to oversee planning and construction of the Canadian portion of the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline Project by the Foothills Group of Companies. The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources is responsible for the *Northern Pipeline Act,* and for the management and direction of the NPA and reporting to Parliament on its activities. The Deputy Minister Natural Resources Canada serves as the Commissioner of the NPA.

Mandate

The NPA mandate is twofold. First, it carries out Government of Canada responsibilities in relation to the pipeline and facilitates the efficient and expeditious planning and construction of the pipeline, taking into account local and regional interests, in particular those of Indigenous Peoples. Secondly, it maximizes the social and economic benefits from the construction and operation of the pipeline while at the same time minimizing any adverse effect on the social and environmental conditions of the areas most directly affected by the pipeline.

The NPA acts as a single window between federal authorities and the project proponent, the Foothills Group of Companies, and between provincial and territorial governments, and the Government of the United States. In keeping with the *Northern Pipeline Act*, many regulatory powers of other Government of Canada departments and agencies related to the pipeline project are delegated to the NPA. This is not the case for those powers reserved exclusively to the Canada Energy Regulator or shared between the Canada Energy Regulator and the NPA.

2. Organizational Structure

Privacy-related activities for the NPA, such as the processing of requests under the Act, are handled by Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Secretariat, as per the NRCan-NPA Service Letter of Agreement. There were 0.002 full-time equivalents dedicated to support the NPA's privacy function during the reporting period.

3. Delegation Order

See Annex A for current delegation order.

In this reporting period, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources was re-designated as head of the NPA pursuant to the *Privacy Act Heads of Government Institutions Designation Order* (Order in Council P.C. 2024-1276) that was signed by Her Excellency the Governor General on November 29, 2024. This remedied a previously identified administrative oversight.

4. Performance 2024-2025

Multi-year trends 2022-2023 to 2024-2025

- **Number of requests completed within legislated timelines:** From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, the NPA did not receive any requests under the *Privacy Act*. This trend is consistent with the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 reporting periods when the NPA did not receive any requests.

- **Consultations received and/or completed from other institutions:** The NPA did not receive or complete any consultation from another federal government institution between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. This is consistent with the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 reporting periods.

- **Number of requests:** From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, the NPA did not receive any requests. This is consistent with the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 reporting periods.

A copy of the 2024-2025 Statistical Report can be referenced at Annex B.

2024-2025 Supplemental Statistical Report on the Act*:*

During the 2024-2025 reporting period, the NPA operations were not impacted, and requests were able to be processed.

A copy of the 2024-2025 Supplemental Statistical Report can be referenced at Annex C.

Requests for which records were "all disclosed" and "disclosed in part":

From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, there were no requests received or completed.

5. Training and Awareness

There were no privacy-related training activities provided to or requested by NPA personnel in 2024-2025.

6. Policies, Guidelines, Procedures and Initiatives

Effective January 1, 2015, the NPA started to use the Open Government website to provide access to information summaries. The NPA relies on NRCan's ATIP Secretariat to undertake and/or lead any new policies, guidelines, procedures and initiatives.

7. Initiatives and Projects to Improve Privacy

There were no new or revised privacy-related initiatives or projects at the NPA to improve access to personal information and privacy implemented during the reporting period.

8. Summary of Key Issues and Actions Taken on Complaints

There were no complaints or investigations initiated during this period or carried forward from the previous reporting period.

9. Material Privacy Breaches

There were no material privacy breaches that occurred during the reporting period.

10. Privacy Impact Assessments

There were no privacy impact assessments completed during the reporting period.

11. Public Interest Disclosures

There were no public interest disclosures made during the reporting period.

12. Monitoring Compliance

There was no monitoring conducted by the NPA or the NRCan ATIP Secretariat during the reporting period.

Annex A: Delegation Order

Position	**Sections of the *Privacy Act***
Deputy Minister	8(2)(m)
Departmental Coordinator, Access to Information and Privacy (Departmental wide)	8(2)(a) - (i), 8(5), 9(3), 9(4)(a), 14, 15, 17(2)(b), 18(2), 19 - 28, 33(2), 35(1), 35(4), 69, 70

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Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

Name of institution: Northern Pipeline Agency

Reporting period: 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31

Section 1: Requests Under the *Privacy Act*

1.1 Number of requests received

		Number of Requests
Received during reporting period		0
Outstanding from previous reporting periods		0
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	0	
• Outstanding from more than one reporting period	0	
Total		0
Closed during reporting period		0
Carried over to next reporting period		0
• Carried over within legislated timeline	0	
• Carried over beyond legislated timeline	0	

1.2 Channels of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Online	0
E-mail	0
Mail	0
In person	0
Phone	0
Fax	0
Total	0

Section 2: Informal requests

2.1 Number of informal requests

		Number of Requests
Received during reporting period		0
Outstanding from previous reporting periods		0
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	0	
• Outstanding from more than one reporting period	0	
Total		0
Closed during reporting period		0
Carried over to next reporting period		0

2.2 Channels of informal requests

Source	Number of Requests
Online	0
E-mail	0
Mail	0
In person	0
Phone	0
Fax	0
Total	0

2.3 Completion time of informal requests

Completion Time							
1 to 15 Days	**16 to 30 Days**	**31 to 60 Days**	**61 to 120 Days**	**121 to 180 Days**	**181 to 365 Days**	**More Than 365 Days**	**Total**
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2.4 Pages released informally

Less Than 100 Pages Released		100-500 Pages Released		501-1000 Pages Released		1001-5000 Pages Released		More Than 5000 Pages Released	
Number of Requests	**Pages Released**	**Number of Requests**	**Pages Released**	**Number of Requests**	**Pages Released**	**Number of Requests**	**Pages Released**	**Number of Requests**	**Pages Released**
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 3: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

3.1 Disposition and completion time

Disposition of Requests	Completion Time							
	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3.2 Exemptions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
18(2)	0	22(1)(a)(i)	0	23(a)	0
19(1)(a)	0	22(1)(a)(ii)	0	23(b)	0
19(1)(b)	0	22(1)(a)(iii)	0	24(a)	0
19(1)(c)	0	22(1)(b)	0	24(b)	0
19(1)(d)	0	22(1)(c)	0	25	0
19(1)(e)	0	22(2)	0	26	0
19(1)(f)	0	22.1	0	27	0
20	0	22.2	0	27.1	0
21	0	22.3	0	28	0
		22.4	0		

3.3 Exclusions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
69(1)(a)	0	70(1)	0	70(1)(d)	0
69(1)(b)	0	70(1)(a)	0	70(1)(e)	0
69.1	0	70(1)(b)	0	70(1)(f)	0
		70(1)(c)	0	70.1	0

3.4 Format of information released

Paper	Electronic				Other
	E-record	Data set	Video	Audio	
0	0	0	0	0	0

3.5 Complexity

3.5.1 Relevant pages processed and disclosed for paper and e-record formats

Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

3.5.2 Relevant pages processed by request disposition for paper and e-record formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3.5.3 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for audio formats

Number of Minutes Processed	Number of Minutes Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

3.5.4 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for audio formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less than 60 Minutes processed		60-120 Minutes processed		More than 120 Minutes processed	
	Number of requests	Minutes Processed	Number of requests	Minutes Processed	Number of requests	Minutes Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

3.5.5 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for video formats

Number of Minutes Processed	Number of Minutes Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

3.5.6 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for video formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less than 60 Minutes processed		60-120 Minutes processed		More than 120 Minutes processed	
	Number of requests	Minutes Processed	Number of requests	Minutes Processed	Number of requests	Minutes Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

3.5.7 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Legal Advice Sought	Interwoven Information	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

3.6 Closed requests

3.6.1 Number of requests closed within legislated timelines

Number of requests closed within legislated timelines	0
Percentage of requests closed within legislated timelines (%)	0

3.7 Deemed refusals

3.7.1 Reasons for not meeting legislated timelines

Number of requests closed past the legislated timelines	Principal Reason			
	Interference with operations / Workload	External Consultation	Internal Consultation	Other
0	0	0	0	0

3.7.2 Request closed beyond legislated timelines (including any extension taken)

Number of days past legislated timelines	Number of requests past legislated timeline where no extension was taken	Number of requests past legislated timeline where an extension was taken	Total
1 to 15 days	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	0	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0
More than 365 days	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

3.8 Requests for translation

Translation Requests	Accepted	Refused	Total
English to French	0	0	0
French to English	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Section 4: Disclosures Under Subsections 8(2) and 8(5)

Paragraph 8(2)(e)	Paragraph 8(2)(m)	Subsection 8(5)	Total
0	0	0	0

Section 5: Requests for Correction of Personal Information and Notations

Disposition for Correction Requests Received	Number
Notations attached	0
Requests for correction accepted	0
Total	0

Section 6: Extensions

6.1 Reasons for extensions

	15(a)(i) Interference with operations				15 (a)(ii) Consultation			
Number of requests where an extension was taken	Further review required to determine exemptions	Large volume of pages	Large volume of requests	Documents are difficult to obtain	Cabinet ConfidenceSection (Section 70)	External	Internal	15(b) Translation purposes or conversion
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.2 Length of extensions

	15(a)(i) Interference with operations				15 (a)(ii) Consultation			
Length of Extensions	Further review required to determine exemptions	Large volume of pages	Large volume of requests	Documents are difficult to obtain	Cabinet Confidence Section (Section 70)	External	Internal	15(b) Translation purposes or conversion
1 to 15 days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 days or greater								0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 7: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

7.1 Consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions and other organizations

Consultations	Other Government of Canada Institutions	Number of Pages to Review	Other Organizations	Number of Pages to Review
Received during the reporting period	0	0	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	0	0	0	0
Carried over within negotiated timelines	0	0	0	0
Carried over beyond negotiated timelines	0	0	0	0

7.2 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions

Recommendation	Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests							
	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations outside the Government of Canada

Recommendation	Number of days required to complete consultation requests							
	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 8: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

8.1 Requests with Legal Services

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

8.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		100–500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 9: Complaints and Investigations Notices Received

Section 31	Section 33	Section 35	Court action	Total
0	0	0	0	0

Section 10: Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) and Personal Information Banks (PIBs)

10.1 Privacy Impact Assessments

Number of PIAs completed	0
Number of PIAs modified	0

10.2 Institution-specific and Central Personal Information Banks

Personal Information Banks	Active	Created	Terminated	Modified
Institution-specific	0	0	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Section 11: Privacy Breaches

11.1 Material Privacy Breaches reported

Number of material privacy breaches reported to TBS	0
Number of material privacy breaches reported to OPC	0

11.2 Non-Material Privacy Breaches

Number of non-material privacy breaches	0

Section 12: Resources Related to the Privacy Act

12.1 Allocated Costs

Expenditures		Amount
Salaries		$100
Overtime		$0
Goods and Services		$0
• Professional services contracts	$0	
• Other	$0	
Total		**$100**

12.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Privacy Activities
Full-time employees	0.002
Part-time and casual employees	0.000
Regional staff	0.000
Consultants and agency personnel	0.000
Students	0.000
Total	0.002

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Supplemental Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*

Name of institution: Northern Pipeline Agency

Reporting period: 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31

Section 1: Requests Carried Over and Active Complaints Under the Access to Information Act

1.1 Requests carried over to next reporting period, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Requests Carried Over Were Received	Requests Carried Over that are *Within* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2025	Requests Carried Over that are *Beyond* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2025	Total
Received in 2024-25	0	0	**0**
Received in 2023-24	0	0	**0**
Received in 2022-23	0	0	**0**
Received in 2021-22	0	0	**0**
Received in 2020-21	0	0	**0**
Received in 2019-20	0	0	**0**
Received in 2018-19	0	0	**0**
Received in 2017-18	0	0	**0**
Received in 2016-17	0	0	**0**
Received in 2015-2016 or earlier	0	0	**0**
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

1.2 Active complaints with the Information Commissioner of Canada, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Active Complaints Were Received by Institution	Number of Active Complaints
Received in 2024-25	0
Received in 2023-24	0
Received in 2022-23	0
Received in 2021-22	0
Received in 2020-21	0
Received in 2019-20	0
Received in 2018-19	0
Received in 2017-18	0
Received in 2016-17	0
Received in 2015-16 or earlier	0
Total	**0**

Section 2: Requests Carried Over and Active Complaints Under the Privacy Act

2.1 Requests carried over to next reporting period, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Requests Carried Over Were Received	Requests Carried Over that are *Within* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2025	Requests Carried Over that are *Beyond* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2025	Total
Received in 2024-25	0	0	**0**
Received in 2023-24	0	0	**0**
Received in 2022-23	0	0	**0**
Received in 2021-22	0	0	**0**
Received in 2020-21	0	0	**0**
Received in 2019-20	0	0	**0**
Received in 2018-19	0	0	**0**
Received in 2017-18	0	0	**0**
Received in 2016-17	0	0	**0**
Received in 2015-16 or earlier	0	0	**0**
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

2.2 Active complaints with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Active Complaints Were Received by Institution	Number of Active Complaints
Received in 2024-25	0
Received in 2023-24	0
Received in 2022-23	0
Received in 2021-22	0
Received in 2020-21	0
Received in 2019-20	0
Received in 2018-19	0
Received in 2017-18	0
Received in 2016-17	0
Received in 2015-16 or earlier	0
Total	**0**

Section 3: Social Insurance Number

Has your institution begun a new collection or a new consistent use of the SIN in 2024-25?	**No**

Section 4: Universal Access under the Privacy Act

How many requests were received from foreign nationals outside of Canada in 2024-25?	0