



SaskEnergy Statement

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SaskEnergy responds to Occupational Health and Safety announcement

SaskEnergy today issued the following statement in response to the Crown Prosecutor's decision not to proceed with Occupational Health and Safety charges against SaskEnergy. The charges were originally filed in regard to an incident involving a third-party contractor who hit SaskEnergy's marked natural gas facilities on April 18, 2008 in the town of Nipawin.

We have a long-term, significant and ongoing financial investment in the safety and reliability of our natural gas infrastructure as well as in promoting public safety. The Nipawin incident stands out as a rare, but nonetheless tragic, outcome at a time of generally high levels of responsible operation by the contracting community in our province, represented by the over 106,000 calls to Saskatchewan First Call in 2010. We again extend our condolences to the residents of Nipawin, their families and friends over the regrettable loss of life and property which occurred that day.

We have agreed to work with the Occupational, Health and Safety division of Saskatchewan Labour Relations and Workplace Safety in consultation with the construction industry to refine practices and regulations when work is being carried out by third parties in and around the Corporation's natural gas infrastructure. We believe that third party contractors recognize their responsibility to avoid potentially dangerous situations from contacting natural gas infrastructure.

Our company works daily with the construction community and we value and respect their professionalism. We already jointly promote initiatives such as the Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance. Through continued dialog, education, potential new safety technologies and understanding our mutual responsibilities, we believe that consistently high standards of safety for workers, the public and our infrastructure can be achieved.

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