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Press Release

Algonquin First Nations Concerns Heightened About Ottawa's Off-Loading of Duty to Consult for Energy East Project After Nexen's "Modern" Pipeline Spill

(Algonquin Territory/July 28, 2015) Today three Algonquin First Nations expressed the shared concerns of their community members about TransCanada's Energy East Project, which crosses through their Aboriginal Title Territory.

The three Algonquin Chiefs are concerned about the federal government off-loading their duty to consult and accommodate First Nations to the National Energy Board (NEB) and the NEB further off-loading its delegated authority to consult First Nations to the pipeline proponent, TransCanada, who is dragging out the negotiations with the three Algonquin First Nations regarding a Community Engagement and Traditional Knowledge Consolidated Funding Agreement to assess the potential impacts of the Energy East project and discuss possible mitigation measures before the NEB Hearings on the project.

Wolf Lake Chief Harry St. Denis said "the Nexen Pipeline is reportedly a modern double walled pipeline with detection sensors, which obviously didn't work since about 5 million liters of Oilsands bitumen and other material leaked out without Nexen knowing about it. The proposed Energy East Project involves pumping a 1.1 million barrels a day of new product, thick Oilsands bitumen through a 40 year old pipeline that had a breach a few years ago near Mattawa, Ontario."

Timiskaming Chief Terrance McBride said "our Aboriginal Title territory is at the headwaters of the Ottawa River and the Energy East corridor runs through a significant part of our territory. If there is a spill it will likely flow into rivers and lakes through the drainage system of the watersheds the Energy East pipeline crosses.

Eagle Village Chief Lance Haymond said "the Nexen Oilsands spill catastrophe confirms that we have to do due diligence for our community members and make sure our environmental, cultural and social concerns are addressed by TransCanada, the regulatory agencies, but especially the government of Canada. The Energy East Pipeline crosses significant water bodies within our Aboriginal Title territory and our First Nation has expressed concern about the downstream impact of a pipeline rupture at Turtle Lake along the Mattawa National Heritage River flowing into the Ottawa River.

Ontario Energy Board showed two of our First Nations the spill modelling for Trout Lake as the only completed spill model for our three First Nations to base decisions upon between North Bay to Deep River within TransCanada's initial NEB application.

NEB has requested TransCanada to complete more details by the end of 2015. So our First Nations expect TransCanada's revised NEB application to include the spill models for all of the watersheds within our Aboriginal Title territory, but particularly at Turtle Lake crossing.

The three Algonquin First Nations (Timiskaming, Wolf Lake & Eagle Village) are currently in discussions with TransCanada Pipeline Inc. to see if an agreement can be reached on addressing their environmental, cultural and social concerns about the proposed Energy East Project. Wolf Lake and Eagle Village First Nation have been accepted by the National Energy Board (NEB) as Interveners. Timiskaming First Nation is also currently seeking Intervener status with the NEB.

The attached map depicts where the Energy East Pipeline corridor crosses the Aboriginal Title territory of the three Algonquin First Nations.

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Map 1: Locator Map - Energy East Pipeline and the Timiskaming, Wolf Lake and Eagle Village Statement of Asserted Rights Territory

-  Statement of Asserted Rights Territory
-  Pumping Stations
-  Pipeline

Without Prejudice
 This map is provisional and for discussion purposes only. Boundaries shown may be adjusted based on future research.
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