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Greenpeace reaction to news Nexen pipeline leak may have lasted two weeks

22 July 2015 – Edmonton - In reaction to the admission from Nexen that its pipeline may have been leaking for as long as two weeks, Mike Hudema, of Greenpeace Canada's Climate and Energy team said:

"It's shocking to learn that the pipeline may have been spilling for two weeks before it was discovered – and even then, only by accident.

"Warning bells should be going off for Canada's premiers right now about the dangers they are bringing to their communities if new pipelines are built because that's what they're calling for with the Canadian Energy Strategy.

"It's not a question of if pipelines will spill, but when and where, and what the damage will be. The Alberta government should put its pipeline promotion on hold and use this opportunity to conduct a thorough review of its pipeline industry and increase the penalties for companies that fail to protect the environment."

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