

Statement

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Greenpeace applauds Alberta's decision to suspend operations on 95 Nexen pipelines

29 August 2015 (Edmonton) – Mike Hudema, Climate and Energy Campaigner with Greenpeace Canada had the following to say about the Government's decision to suspend operations on 95 Nexen pipelines following non-compliance surrounding pipeline maintenance and monitoring in its Long Lake oilsands project:

"We are glad the Alberta government is finally getting tough on pipeline safety. Monitoring and maintaining pipelines, and keeping proper safety records are basic requirements for operation. This decision should send a message to all pipeline operators that lax safety procedures that put Alberta's environment and communities at risk are not acceptable. We hope this is just a first government step into a much longer look into Alberta's mounting pipeline problems. Our communities deserve no less."

Nexen is responsible for one of the largest spills in Alberta's history and has had over 130 spills from 2003-2012. Over 37 years (1975-2012) Alberta has averaged 2 spills a day.

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