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New environmental assessments must respect 1.5 C target: No room for pipelines

27 January 2016 (Edmonton) – In reaction to new pipeline regulations announced by the federal government today, Mike Hudema, a Climate and Energy campaigner with Greenpeace Canada said:

“Greenpeace applauds Prime Minister Trudeau for taking the first steps in reforming the badly flawed environmental review process and adding an integral step to infrastructure reviews. The new rules must ensure that all energy projects are in line with Canada’s commitment to doing its part to stabilize global temperature increase below 1.5 degrees. That means no new tar sands mines or pipelines.

“The government must also take the next steps to provide meaningful citizen participation and incorporate Trudeau’s promise to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples. Those requirements must apply to all energy projects, including those currently under review. For the Energy East pipeline project, the National Energy Board hasn’t issued a hearing order yet and the process should not proceed as long as Harper’s evaluation system is still in place.”

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