



## **Ontario Energy Board Presentation**

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*Timmins Community Discussion – April 1<sup>st</sup>*

- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is interested in participating because it is believed that the Energy East project will have a significant impact on many municipalities across northeastern Ontario.
- The FONOM presentation will include the following:
  - TransCanada's safety record
  - TransCanada's record of community involvement
  - Economic benefits
  - Risks (safety/natural gas supply)
- What the OEB should focus on and report to Ontario's Minister of Energy



## **Presentation Handout**

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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is interested in participating in the Ontario Energy Board community discussion because the TransCanada Energy East project will greatly impact many municipalities across the northeast.

We believe that pipelines are the safest way to move oil as a result of research that has demonstrated that fewer accidents occur while transporting oil by pipeline as opposed to alternate modes of transportation. During the 10 year period, between 2002-2011 oil pipelines in Canada operated with a 99.9994 per cent safety record. TransCanada has more than 60 years of experience building pipelines safely and reliably.

In 2012, TransCanada invested more than \$1 billion in pipeline safety and preventative maintenance programs and conducts business in a fashion that meets or exceeds all applicable laws and regulations while minimizing risks to employees, the public and the land.

TransCanada has demonstrated an excellent working relationship with communities through partnerships and being an employer of choice. In 2012, TransCanada Pipelines Limited contributed more than \$10 million in financial and in-kind donations along its network within North America. TransCanada is also committed to ensuring that safety is paramount within communities. They work with local authorities to develop joint emergency plans, to help train fire departments, police and emergency responders as well as implement their Public Awareness Program about living and work safely near TransCanada pipelines.

The TransCanada Pipeline's Energy East project would generate significant benefits for northeastern Ontario. Energy East would provide both direct and indirect jobs during the six year development and construction phase as well as during the 40 year operations phase. The development and operation of the project will stimulate the economy by providing billions to the Ontario economy (based on an estimated \$25.3 billion development over the 40 year operations phase and 37 per cent occurring in Ontario).

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FONOM is aware of the risks associated with Energy East in respect to safety concerns as well as ensuring that a constant supply of natural gas is maintained in order to not affect natural gas prices. Northern Ontarians cannot risk soaring natural gas prices as we already pay more for natural gas than southern Ontario. As the project moves forward, it is important that these concerns be taken into consideration and thoroughly managed.

Moving forward, the Ontario Energy Board should focus on the regional impacts that the project would have in its report to Ontario's Minister of Energy. The impacts on northern Ontario may very well be different from that of eastern Ontario and this should be acknowledged in order to obtain a more holistic understanding of the real and long-term effects that this project could have, specifically in our region of northeastern Ontario.