



PIPELINE ABANDONMENT CHECKLIST

PLANNING

1. Has subsidence been considered for pipelines having a diameter greater than 323.9 mm (12 inches)?
2. Has the pipeline company notified the landowners and proper authorities (municipalities, MOE, MTO, MNR, etc.) of the abandonment?
3. Have abandonment procedures for crossings been agreed upon by utilities (road, railway, pipelines, etc.) and authorities responsible for rivers and streams crossed by the pipeline?
4. Has consideration been given to the effect of drainage in the area surrounding the abandoned pipeline, which may act as a conduit for ground water after the pipe is perforated by corrosion?
5. Has consideration been given to the removal of all the aboveground facilities?
6. Has consideration been given to any hazards posed to people, equipment, wildlife or livestock by any apparatus left in place above or underground?

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Has the abandoned pipeline been physically isolated from the live pipeline?
2. Has the pipeline been drained of all fluids and adequately cleaned to prevent ground water contamination from hydrocarbon residue on the pipe wall after the pipe is perforated by corrosion?
3. Have all aboveground facilities been removed and has consideration been given to removing underground facilities such as anode beds and tanks?

LIABILITY/RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Does the pipeline company have a contingency plan to remedy any contamination caused by the abandoned pipeline?
2. Has consideration been given to conducting post-abandonment surveillance programs?
3. Has consideration been given to maintaining signage after the pipeline is abandoned?
4. Has consideration been given to providing a locate service after the pipeline is abandoned?