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Encana has reached an agreement with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding the section of pipeline right-of-way where buried trash was disturbed during pipeline trenching in 2014. As part of this agreement, Encana will complete its pipeline work and execute a CDPHE-approved closure plan to remove and dispose of the buried trash that was previously encountered. Activity will start on November 30, 2015. Below are answers to some of the questions we've received from the Erie community regarding this activity.

If you have additional questions, please email us at CommunityRelationsUSA@encana.com.

Current Activity

Q: What level of activity can neighbors expect at this site?

A: Trenching and trash removal work will begin November 30, 2015. Trash removal will take about one week, and trenching and laying the remainder of the pipeline will take an additional two weeks to complete. The disturbed trash will be removed using excavators and placed directly into dump trucks for transportation to CDPHE-approved facilities.

Once the trash is removed, Encana will install and connect the pipeline. The trench will then be backfilled with clean fill dirt, compacted, and the area will be reclaimed in compliance with applicable COGCC regulations.

Type of Trash Disturbed and Mitigation

Q: Did you analyze the trash already so you know what you are digging up?

A: Samples of the trash have been analyzed and are consistent with what would typically be found in a municipal landfill operated during the 1960s. For the next phase of activity, an inspector will be on site as we remove the trash from the trench, and will visually inspect and characterize the trash to ensure we are handling it in conformance with CDPHE guidelines.

Q: What happens if you encounter asbestos?

A: As part of the approved CDPHE management plan, specific procedures will be completed if we encounter any evidence of asbestos. These procedures may include:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) including but not limited to protective suits, respirators, rubber gloves, booties, etc.
- Wind fences around the perimeter of the area
- Specific disposal containers

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Q: What about other hazardous wastes that might be in the trash?

A: Testing of the trash has not indicated the likelihood of encountering other hazardous wastes; however, the CDPHE-approved removal plan includes specific handling for any type of hazardous waste that we may encounter in order to ensure disposal of such substances in accordance with the CDPHE guidelines.

Background

Q: It's been a year since you dug up the trash. What happened again and why has it taken so long to fix the issue?

A: In November 2014, Encana unexpectedly encountered and disturbed buried trash while conducting pipeline trenching operations in our right-of-way near County Roads 5 and 6 in Erie. Since that time we have been working with CDPHE and other environmental experts on a solution to permanently remove the trash in the right-of-way so that we can lay the remainder of our pipeline. CDPHE has recently approved our plan, which includes removing and disposing the approximate 900 cubic yards of buried trash Encana previously disturbed.

Q: Wasn't Encana aware that it might encounter buried trash in this area?

A: Encana employs standard due diligence practices when planning pipeline right of ways. The landowner was consulted and while we were aware of the former landfill, Encana had been informed that the pipeline route was outside of the confines of the former landfill.

Next Steps and Future Actions

Q: You are building pipelines all over. What will you do the next time you dig up trash?

A: With respect to future pipeline work, Encana is committed to avoiding areas that may have been impacted by historic landfill activities and will reroute its pipeline or bore under areas that may contain foreign materials in order to accomplish this. In the event another unanticipated encounter with trash was to occur, Encana would work closely with CDPHE to develop an appropriate management plan.

Q: Have you changed the pipeline right of way?

A: Encana has re-routed portions of its pipeline and in some cases will bore under areas containing materials where re-routing is impractical, all for the purpose of avoiding historic landfill activities.