

CEPA MEDIA STATEMENT

CEPA responds to National Energy Board's List of Issues and Environmental Assessment Factors for Energy East and Eastern Mainline Project

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"CEPA does not support the NEB Energy East Panel's decision to consider upstream and downstream greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of TransCanada's Energy East and Eastern Mainline Project. CEPA firmly believes that broad public policy issues, such as climate change, should be addressed at the political level, and not through pipeline project reviews.

While it is appropriate to address the direct GHG impact of a pipeline project through the NEB process, upstream and downstream impacts are appropriately dealt with in the context of the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. The NEB's quasi-judicial process, which requires a balance of socio-economic, safety and environmental matters, is not the appropriate venue to address broader public policy issues."