

New Board Elected

At the October 2003 board meeting, the new board of Northeast Region CAER was voted in. After five years at the helm, Calvin Eyben of CanAmera Foods stepped down and Mike Simpson of Agrium was elected Chair.

“My term as Chair of Northeast Region CAER has been very rewarding,” said Eyben. “I’ve worked with outstanding individuals on the Board, the various committees and the membership in general. Our organization has grown and matured throughout the years to what it is today – a valuable resource to its members and the community at large.

Our success is attributed to the commitment of our members and those who dedicate their time to accomplish our goals. I congratulate Mike Simpson on his appointment as new Chair and wish him and the other members of the Board success on our continuing journey to a safer, well-informed community”.

2004 Northeast Region CAER Board

Mike Simpson, Agrium - Chair

Laurie Danielson, Westaim

Ken Hodgins, Mayor City of Fort Saskatchewan

Lawrence Kluthe, Mayor Sturgeon County

Wayne Land, Public Board Member

Ray Lopushinsky, Reeve County of Lamont - Vice Chair

Member profile – Imperial Pipelines

“Being part of an effective emergency response organization like Northeast Region CAER makes good sense, especially when your product is underground,” says Rich Lamont, Right of Way Co-ordinator with Imperial Pipelines and Terminals, a division of Imperial Oil Ltd. “Our division maintains the pipelines owned and operated by Imperial Oil and some of those pipes are in the Northeast Region CAER area.”

Although they consider themselves a fairly small organization, their 30 staff are well trained in emergency response. “We participate in a variety of drills, from oil spill response to table top and simulation exercises,” said Lamont. “As part of Northeast Region CAER, we become part of a larger group, sharing expertise and equipment, and we all win.”

Another priority for the division is encouraging people to call before they dig. “Pipelines are underground, which means out of sight and, often, out of mind for most,” he added. “By encouraging people to call first, we increase awareness of pipelines and safe digging which helps avoid potential problems.”



Notification program recognized for innovative approach

The Northeast Region CAER Community Notification Program received an Honourable Mention in the Innovation category at the 2003 Government of Alberta’s Municipal Excellence Awards. The Community Notification Program was launched to meet the communication needs of members and the information needs of residents in the region. The program is the first of its kind and includes:

- a toll-free 24 hour information line the public can call to hear messages about industry activity in the region;
- a call-out notification system members can use to call residents in the immediate area of an incident to notify them and provide valuable instructions
- a common protocol guiding the use of the two tools.

Safety During the Holidays

The holiday season is again upon us, and that means fun and festivities. While you're having fun spending time with family and friends, be sure to keep safe too!

Indoors

One of the main causes of home fire deaths is cooking fires. Deep frying and cooking can be hazardous if left unattended. If distracted, turn off the heat and remove the pot from the burner. Another high risk is candle-related fires, which go up by 140% during the winter holiday season. If you use candles, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- never leave a candle burning unattended
- never let a candle burn down to the bottom
- keep flammable and combustible materials as far away from the flame as possible

Outdoors

If travelling by car is part of your holiday plans, be prepared for any weather conditions, especially blizzards, which are the most threatening of winter storms in Alberta. Ensure your vehicle is equipped with supplies that could be useful in an emergency (blankets, extra clothing, matches, water and non-perishable high energy food). Keep up-to-date on changing weather and road conditions and always travel with at least a half full tank of gas.

For more safety tips, visit www.gov.ab.ca/ma/fco.



A safer, more informed community...

UPDATEline

Curious about industry activity? Call the UPDATEline at 1-866-653-9959. The automated message line provides the community with current information on industry activities in the region.

Get added to our contact list and we'll call you!

Log on to www.nrcaer.com or call 780-424-0162 to be added to our regional notification list. If a more serious incident occurs in your immediate area, you will be called and provided with details and safety precautions to take.

Shelter in Place

Know what to do in the event of a chemical emergency by having all the information at your fingertips. Keep a copy of the Shelter-in-Place magnet on your refrigerator door. To get a magnet, please contact us at (780) 424-0162 or request it via www.nrcaer.com.

Wishing you the best of the holiday season!

Northeast Region CAER Membership

- Agrium Inc. - Fort Saskatchewan
- Agrium Inc. - Redwater
- Air Liquide
- Albchem Industries Ltd.
- Alberta Hospital Edmonton
- AMA Disaster Service
- ATCO Midstream Services
- BP Canada Energy Company
- CanAmera Foods
- Capital Health
- City of Fort Saskatchewan
- CN Rail
- Degussa Canada
- Dow AgroSciences
- Dow Chemical Canada Inc.
- Edmonton Institution
- EnerPro Midstream Inc.
- Fort Saskatchewan R.C.M.P.
- Ft. Sask Correctional Centre
- Guardian Chemicals
- Imperial Oil
- Keyspan Energy
- Lamont County
- Marsulex Inc.
- Morinville R.C.M.P.
- Nexen Chemicals Ltd.
- Nova Chemicals
- OxyVinyls Canada Inc.
- Pembina Pipe Lines Ltd.
- Prairie EMS (Fort Saskatchewan)
- Praxair Air Separation Plant
- Prospec Chemicals
- Redwater R.C.M.P.
- Shell Canada Products
- Shell Chemicals Canada
- Sherritt International Corp.
- Sherwood Park R.C.M.P.
- STARS Air Ambulance
- Strathcona County
- Emergency Services
- Sturgeon County Emergency Services
- Suncor Energy Marketing Inc.
- The Westaim Corporation
- Town of Bruderheim
- Town of Gibbons
- Town of Lamont
- Town of Morinville
- Town of Redwater
- Umicore Canada Inc.
- Williams Energy Canada

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