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Yukon government implements gas processing plant regulation

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has brought into effect a regulation to oversee gas processing plants in the territory and ensure that facilities are safe, effective and environmentally sound.

"As one of the first jurisdictions in the country to develop a thorough regulation of this kind, we believe that comprehensive and transparent regulation supports responsible practices and allows for opportunities and growth in Yukon's energy sector," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Scott Kent said. "We thank all of those who took part in the two-month consultation on the draft regulation. The regulation was improved as a result of the feedback we received."

The consultation included feedback from First Nations, industry, non-government organizations and individual Yukoners. Many suggestions were included in the regulation, for example, the requirement for the government regulator's directions to proponents to be posted online, allowing for more transparency.

The new regulation for gas processing plants and liquefied natural gas facilities is one of the most comprehensive in Canada, incorporating stringent national standards. The regulation enables improved oversight of an entire gas processing facility to ensure safe construction, operation and decommissioning.

"One effect of this regulation is that it will strictly oversee the use of additional energy sources, such as liquefied natural gas, to replace diesel as a cheaper, safer and greener option to meet Yukon's current and future electricity needs," Kent said. "The use of additional energy sources is a key commitment of the Yukon government's Energy Strategy for Yukon."

For more about the regulation, visit yukonoilandgas.com.

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