



# STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA'S BILL 30

November 27, 2017

## **Energy Safety Canada issues the following response to the Government of Alberta's introduction of Bill 30: An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of Working Albertans:**

The proposed changes to the occupational health and safety system are generally in line with the oil and gas industry's best practices. This brings Alberta further into alignment with legislation in some other jurisdictions where our industry operates. We are pleased to see a retention of performance-based regulation and this move towards more harmonized legislation across provinces.

Energy Safety Canada also views some of the changes to the Workers' Compensation Act, such as more of a focus on psychological issues, to be positive. A worker-centred approach, improved data collection, as well as a stronger emphasis on workplace health and safety programs, are all very much aligned with the values of our organization.

Our objective as a safety association is to develop and support standards and best practices across the oil and gas industry and we see these changes as a positive step forward in advancing worker health and safety in Alberta.

Energy Safety Canada was an active participant in the review and consultation process for changes to these Acts. We look forward to continued collaboration between the Government of Alberta and industry stakeholders on initiatives that are instrumental in preventing injuries and improving health and safety practices in the workplace.

### **Quote from John Rhind, CEO:**

"The proposed changes to the occupational health and safety system are generally in line with the oil and gas industry's best practices. Our objective as a safety association is to develop and support standards and best practices across the oil and gas industry and we see these changes as a positive step forward in advancing worker health and safety in Alberta."

*- John Rhind, CEO of Energy Safety Canada, a merger of Enform and the Oil Sands Safety Association (OSSA).*

### **About Energy Safety Canada**

Energy Safety Canada is the national safety association for the oil and gas industry. Representing workers and employers, Energy Safety Canada was formed through a merger of Enform Canada (Enform) and Oil Sands Safety Association (OSSA) in October 2017. Energy Safety Canada's focus is to develop and support common industry safety standards, ensure effective learning systems, share data analysis and safety expertise with workers and employers, and advocate for worker health and safety.

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