Turner Valley Oil and Gas Group (TVOGG)

WHAT IS TVOGG?

The Turner Valley Oil and Gas Group is a committee of representatives from the oil and gas industries, municipal and provincial governments, regulatory agencies, and emergency/disaster services that have interests within the towns of Turner Valley, Black Diamond and Longview and the MD of Foothills.

TVOGG was formed in 2008 to promote:

- Cooperation and communication between industry, government, regulatory agencies and developers with respect to development near oil and gas facilities.
- Coordinated responses to public concerns about energy and oil and gas activities.
- Education and awareness of oil and gas industry safety concerns such as underground facilities.

Timely, well-communicated and effective activities and development plans will help to minimize impacts on the participant communities from operations carried out by our members.

WHO IS TVOGG?

TVOGG is comprised of representatives from municipal and provincial levels of government with an interest in the Turner Valley and surrounding areas and representatives from the oil and gas industries including past and present operators of wells, processing facilities, extraction plants and transmission pipelines.

Current members include:

- Alberta Culture and Community Services
- Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB)
- Alberta Environment and Water
- Municipal District of Foothills
- Orphan Well Association
- Town of Black Diamond
- Town of Turner Valley
- Village of Longview
- AltaGas
- Atco Pipelines
- ConocoPhillips Canada
- Canadian Natural Resources Limited
- Devon
- Legacy Oil + Gas Inc.
- Plains Midstream Canada
- TransCanada Pipelines
WHAT DOES TVOGG DO?

TVOGG currently meets bimonthly to discuss oil and gas operations, development issues, regulatory changes, and public complaints. TVOGG also participates in open houses when public consultation is appropriate for major industry projects.

Over the past three years, TVOGG members have worked cooperatively to complete and communicate numerous projects. Some of the larger milestones in Turner Valley include:

- Abandonment of the Royalite 14 well & associated pipeline (located near gazebo at four corners)
- Conducted soil and groundwater sampling near Town Water Wells (located near north end of bridge)
- Established a park around the re-abandoned McLeod #5 well (located in Everwood subdivision)
- Facilitated road access to Seclusion Valley subdivision
- Installation of a cut-off wall surrounding the Turner Valley Gas Plant
- Removal of abandoned pipeline to assist with the remediation of Okalta 22 (located near reservoir)
- Re-abandonment of McLeod #3 well (located in Everwood subdivision)
- Re-abandonment of Regent #2 well (located in Everwood subdivision)
- Re-abandonment of Dingman #2 well (located on the Turner Valley Gas Plant)
- Remediation of Okalta #22 (located east of reservoir)
- Remediation of the former Gas Plant and Town landfill (located near south end of bridge)
- Remediation of a former tank farm adjacent to the Turner Valley Gas Plant
- Remediation of a former pipeline release to allow residential development (JKR subdivision)
- Removal of abandoned pipelines in a residential subdivision (JKR subdivision)

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Regular updates on TVOGG activities are provided by the municipal government representatives to their respective councils. Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings to obtain these updates.

In the future, TVOGG may distribute periodic handouts and newsletters to the local communities and will continue to hold community Open Houses from time to time.

As TVOGG does not have a standing Chairperson, please direct enquiries to:

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