

Get guidance and support for your ground disturbance!

In Alberta, there are

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major regulatory agencies that oversee ground disturbance.

Regulatory agencies provide legislation, information, and support to ensure that all the damage prevention stakeholders understand their roles and responsibilities in the process.



The National Energy Board (NEB)

The purpose of the NEB is to:

- Ensure the **safety** and **security** of it's **regulatees' employees** and **the public**
- **Protect property** and the **environment**
- Ensure compliance with legislation

This board was created by the *National Energy Board Act*, and court powers fall under it's jurisdiction. In addition to regulating ground disturbances within 30m of pipelines and the vehicular traffic over them, it can inquire into, hear, and determine matters involving pipelines, international powerlines, or any other facility construction or operation it regulates.

It also regulates the design, construction, operation, and abandonment of:

- Any commodity pipeline than crosses a provincial or international boundary, regardless of pressure
- Facilities constructed across, on, along, or under pipelines



Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (Alberta OHS)

Alberta OHS' purpose is to:

- **Prevent workplace injury** and **illness**
- Promote **worker health and safety** through partnerships, resources, and education
- Enforce legislation

As a branch of Alberta's ministry of Jobs, Skills, Training, and Labour, they **also regulate ground disturbance**. They **exempt** most **farming and ranching operations**, work done to **private property** by the property owner or the **occupant**, and **any household servants**.



The Alberta Energy Regulator

The Alberta Energy Regulator's purpose is to:

- Ensure **safe**, **efficient**, and **environmentally responsible** provincial hydrocarbon resources in Alberta over their entire life cycle
- Ensure compliance with legislation

Funded by industry, this agency operates at a distance from the Alberta government. The *Alberta Responsible Energy Development Act* created it. In addition to **regulating ground disturbances in Alberta within 30m of a pipeline and vehicular traffic over Alberta pipelines**, this agency regulates the **design, construction, operation**, and **abandonment** of:

- Oil and gas wells
- Pipelines
- Gas processing plants



The Alberta Safety Codes Council

The Alberta Safety Codes Council's purpose is to:

- Establish **minimum safety standards** for the installation and maintenance of **electrical utility systems** and activities near those systems in Alberta

The Alberta Safety Codes act created the council, and it operates under Alberta Municipal affairs. It **regulates potentially unsafe activities conducted in proximity to electrical utility systems**. If the activities' proximity could cause **safety hazards**, or **physical** or **inductive interference**, the safety codes council regulates it.

If you need ground disturbance support, speak to the appropriate regulatory agency!