

Protecting biodiversity

At TransCanada, we are committed to protecting the environment. Not just because we have to, but because we want to.



Information gathered through environmental studies and community engagement activities help inform strategies to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

We recognize that how we interact with the environment is of vital importance to you. It is to us, too. That's why TransCanada's Environment Strategy reflects our long-term corporate culture when it comes to environmental stewardship, protection and performance. It guides our decisions every day when building and operating energy infrastructure.

TransCanada has a long-standing commitment to protecting the environment where we work and live. We believe that when we build an asset, we temporarily borrow the land. Once our projects are constructed, TransCanada reclaims the land to equivalent capability. Over the course of our more than 65-year history, TransCanada has successfully reclaimed hundreds of thousands of acres of land in many different ecological regions throughout North America.

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We're committed to protecting the environment throughout the complete life cycle of our assets, from business development to project planning and design, through construction and operations to remediation and final decommissioning.

TransCanada completes environmental impact assessments for our projects. The environmental impact assessment includes field studies which examine existing natural resources and land use along our proposed project footprint, such as vegetation, soils, wildlife, water resources, wetlands, and protected areas. In order to conserve and protect the environment through construction and into operations, information gathered for an environmental impact assessment is used to develop project-specific environmental protection plans. TransCanada engages stakeholders and Indigenous communities in this process early and often, identifying and considering their perspectives during the development and construction of our projects and throughout the life cycle of our assets.



Protecting biodiversity on our Mexico Topolobampo Pipeline project.

TransCanada's post-construction reclamation and monitoring program ensures that the essential biophysical characteristics are proactively managed. This ensures that equivalent land capability and biological diversity are maintained or reestablished after construction.

Our commitment to the protection of the environment does not end with successful reclamation after construction. TransCanada has an extensive environmental management program to ensure ongoing, day-to-day protection of the environment, including detailed operating procedures, extensive employee training and routine inspections and audits.

TransCanada has played a key role in advancements related to reducing the environmental impacts not only of our own activities, but across the industry. We've received international recognition for initiatives such as the use of innovative winter construction techniques to reduce impacts on agricultural lands, prairie and cultivated ecosystems, and investment in the preservation and enhancement of endangered species habitats.

For our Topolobampo Pipeline project in Mexico, TransCanada is working to leave the land in a condition equal to or better than, we found it. TransCanada hired a team of local professional biologists, ecologists and botanists to identify and relocate all plants along the right-of-way to plots along or near the route prior to construction. Almost 40,000 plants have been relocated, ensuring the preservation of ecosystems along the entire project route. TransCanada is implementing the same practice across all of our Mexico capital projects.

Performance and recognition

We measure and report on our performance each year in our Corporate Social Responsibility report. In 2017, TransCanada's achievements in environmental, social and economic performance were recognized with a gold class distinction in RobecoSAM's globally recognized Sustainability Yearbook 2017 publication. For the second year in a row, in 2016 TransCanada achieved a score at the 100th percentile on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), earning rankings on DJSI's North America and World Indices. We were also named to Corporate Knights' list of Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada.

To read more about environmental stewardship, protection and performance at TransCanada, please see **TransCanada's 2015 CSR Report** available at www.transcanada.com.

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