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Manual 005: Pipeline Inspections Updated

This bulletin announces the release of a new edition of Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) *Manual 005: Pipeline Inspections*.

Manual 005, first issued in September 2013, is a resource document for AER field operations staff. The purpose of the manual is to assist staff inspecting pipelines to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and standards, including Canadian Standards Association *CSA Z662: Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems*. Section 9 of the *Pipeline Rules* indicates that the latest published edition of *CSA Z662* is in force unless otherwise indicated.

We publicly released *Manual 005* on our website so that industry could use it as a guide for their own compliance management systems. We also committed to regularly updating the manual to ensure that it continues to reflect current regulatory requirements. *Manual 005* refers to requirements in *CSA Z662*, which was updated in 2015. We have therefore revised *Manual 005* as follows:

- updated *CSA Z662* references (i.e., part numbers, section numbers, and numbered clauses) to align with the latest update in *CSA Z662-15*; and
- changed the description of noncompliances to reflect minor wording changes in *CSA Z662-15*.

The manual has also been updated to remove all references to *Directive 019: Compliance Assurance*, which has been rescinded and replaced by *Manual 013: Compliance and Enforcement*. (See [Bulletin 2016-01](#) for more information.)

Any questions about *Manual 005* should be sent by email to industryrelations@aer.ca.

Manual 005 is available on the AER website, www.aer.ca, under Rules and Directives > Manuals.

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