# International collaboration through the Pipeline Engineering Competency System

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#### INTRODUCTION

 We would like to extend our appreciation to APGA, CEPA, and CEPA member companies. In particular, the individuals from CEPA member companies that contributed their time and subject matter expertise.









#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE APGA PECS

APGA's Pipeline Engineer Competency System (PECS) arose out of concerns for the pipeline industry's:

- Pipeline engineering capability
- Confidence that petroleum pipelines would continue to be safe and reliable

Underlying reasons for concerns:

- Microeconomic reform
- Privatization
- Economic regulation
- The changing nature of AS 2885

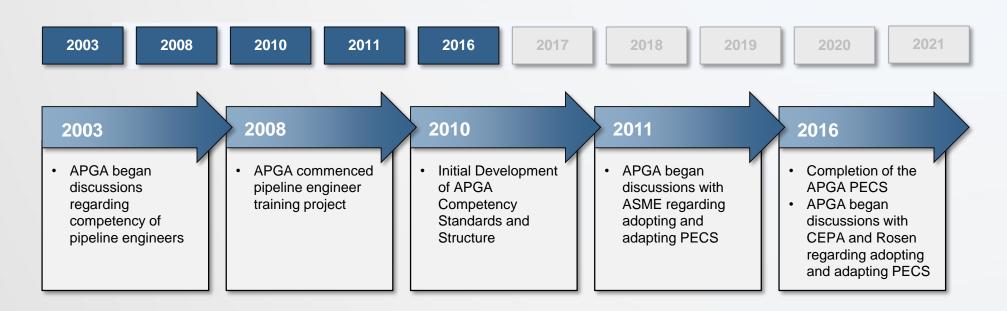






#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE APGA PECS

- Significant effort expended by APGA to establish PECS
- APGA initiated discussions with ASME, CEPA, and Rosen regarding adopting and adapting PECS







#### CEPA'S DRIVING FACTORS

Three main factors driving the initiative

Regulations, standards, and best practices

Workforce demographics

CEPA Integrity First®

Need for Competency Management System





#### EARLY CEPA INVESTIGATIONS

CEPA identified and confirmed competency gap in Canadian pipeline industry

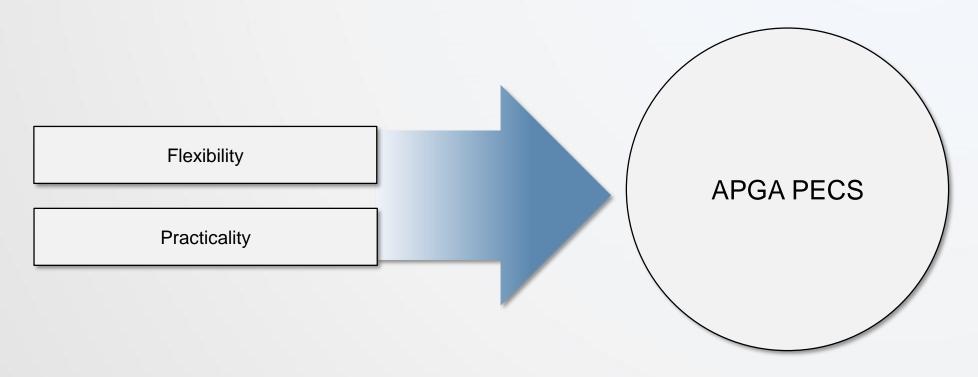






# CHOOSING THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION FOR THE CANADIAN INDUSTRY

Two main priorities were identified by CEPA's Pipeline Integrity Community of Practice

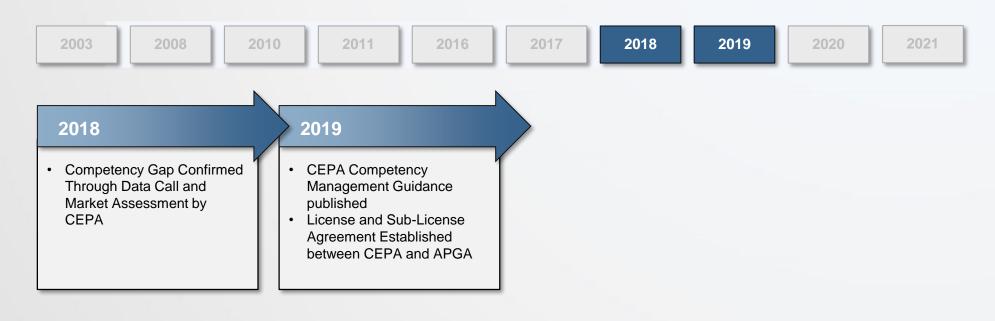






#### CEPA ADOPTS APGA PECS

- Establish licensing agreement between CEPA and APGA
- Opportunity to leverage work to reduce time and effort to close gap identified in Canada







#### CEPA COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

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#1: Design & Construction

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#3: Plastics & Composite Pipe





#### STAGED APPROACH

A staged approach was implemented as another mechanism to manage project risk

STAGE 0

Scoping and Planning

STAGE 1

Establish
Committees and
Kick Off

STAGE 2

Confirm
Categorization and
Complete Initial
Revision of
Competencies

STAGE 3

Sub-Committee Review of Competencies STAGE 4

Finalize
Competencies and
Summarize
Findings





#### CEPA IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PECS-CAN

Adaptation of PECS for use in Canada







#### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Scope for internationalization of the PECS
- Opportunity for significant collaboration between APGA and CEPA
  - pipeline engineering continuous improvement log – ongoing development
  - pipeline operations damage prevention
  - other







## Any questions?



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### Thank you



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