



## **1 Policy Statement**

Plains is committed to supporting healthy ecosystems, protecting ecologically and culturally sensitive areas and minimizing our environmental footprint. We recognize that as an energy infrastructure provider, our activities could affect biodiversity within land, freshwater and marine ecosystems. We appreciate that healthy ecosystems benefit the communities where we operate, our employees and our company.

## **2 Our Approach to Conservation and Biodiversity**

We strive to hold ourselves to environmental standards that meet or exceed requirements imposed by federal, state and provincial laws and regulations. In connection with our pipeline and facility construction, operation and expansion activities, we prioritize executing projects safely and effectively, while engaging proactively with community stakeholders and reducing our environmental impact.

## **3 Avoiding and Minimizing Impacts**

Prior to construction, it is our practice to conduct desktop and/or field surveys of the project areas to identify:

- Environmentally sensitive areas such as wildlife refuges, conservation areas, threatened and endangered species' habitats, wetlands and waterways.
- Public use areas such as parks and recreational areas.
- Indigenous traditional lands.
- Previously recorded cultural resource sites, culturally sensitive locations, cemeteries, and other areas of historical or cultural significance to local communities.
- Public safety structures and areas such as dams and levees.

We employ an avoidance and minimization protocol to limit environmental impacts, particularly to sensitive areas. Additionally, where appropriate, we implement timing restrictions for construction activities to protect receptors that have seasonal sensitivities.



The construction process involves:

- Assigning environmental inspectors and/or construction supervisors to monitor construction activities for compliance with permits and the project's Environmental Protection Plan.
- Segregating topsoil and subsoils for reuse.
- Restoring disturbed areas as required by applicable laws and regulations and in line with landowner agreements.
- On a post-construction basis, monitoring rights-of-way until vegetation has been re-established.

## 4 Preserving Biodiversity During Operations

In operating our assets, our goal is to establish and maintain balance with, and sensitivity to, the surrounding natural environment. We are committed to preserving air quality, water quality, wildlife, natural habitats and traditional land and resource use. We accomplish this by:

- Monitoring environmental regulations and changes to permit requirements.
- Engaging with stakeholder agencies and impacted communities.
- Decommissioning assets at the end of their useful lives and undertaking appropriate environmental restoration activities.

## 5 Additional Considerations

Additionally, through our environmental protection practices, we are committed to:

- Actively engaging and collaborating on environmental management with our industry peers, government agencies and the public.
- Maintaining clean and safe work areas during construction.
- Restoring areas disturbed as part of our operations.
- Training employees on best practices for environmental protection.
- Participating in community investment initiatives that help protect the environment.



## 6 Approvals

The following signatory approves this Policy.

Patrick D Hodgins

Vice President, Health Safety  
and Environmental

Name

Title

Signature