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1. Introduction

This annual report describes how the Northern Pipeline Agency (NPA) met its responsibilities in administering the *Privacy Act* (Act) during fiscal year 2025-2026.

The Privacy Act

The purpose of the *Privacy Act*, which came into force on July 1, 1983, is to provide individuals with the right of access to and correction of personal information about themselves that is under the control of a government institution. The Act also provides the legal framework for the collection, retention, use, disclosure, disposition and accuracy of personal information in the administration of programs and activities by government institutions subject to the Act.

Section 72 of the Act requires that the head of every government institution prepare an annual report on the administration of the Act during the financial year and table it in Parliament.

The Northern Pipeline Agency

Description

The NPA was created with the proclamation of *the Northern Pipeline Act* in April 1978 to oversee planning and construction of the Canadian portion of the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline Project by the Foothills Group of Companies. The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources is responsible for the *Northern Pipeline Act,* and for the management and direction of the NPA and reporting to Parliament on its activities. The Deputy Minister Natural Resources Canada serves as the Commissioner and Deputy Head of the NPA. The NPA did not have any wholly owned subsidiaries at any time during the reporting period.

Mandate

The NPA mandate is twofold. First, it carries out Government of Canada responsibilities in relation to the pipeline and facilitates the efficient and expeditious planning and construction of the pipeline, taking into account local and regional interests, in particular those of Indigenous Peoples. Secondly, it maximizes the social and economic benefits from the construction and operation of the pipeline while at the same time minimizing any adverse effect on the social and environmental conditions of the areas most directly affected by the pipeline.

The NPA acts as a single window between federal authorities and the project proponent, the Foothills Group of Companies, and between provincial and territorial governments, and the Government of the United States. In keeping with the *Northern Pipeline Act*, many regulatory powers of other Government of Canada departments and agencies related to the pipeline project are delegated to the NPA. This is not the case

for those powers reserved exclusively to the Canada Energy Regulator or shared between the Canada Energy Regulator and the NPA.

2. Organizational Structure

Privacy-related activities for the NPA, such as the processing of requests under the Act, are handled by Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Secretariat, as per the NRCan-NPA Service Letter of Agreement. There were 0.002 full-time equivalents dedicated to support the NPA's privacy function during the reporting period.

3. Delegation Order

See Annex A for information on the current delegation.

4. Performance 2025-2026

Multi-year trends 2023-2024 to 2025-2026

- **Number of requests completed within legislated timelines:** From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, the NPA did not receive any requests under the *Privacy Act*. This trend is consistent with the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 reporting periods when the NPA did not receive any requests.

- **Consultations received and/or completed from other institutions:** The NPA did not receive or complete any consultation from another federal government institution between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. This is consistent with the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 reporting periods.

- **Number of requests:** From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, the NPA did not receive any requests. This is consistent with the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 reporting periods.

- **Requests for which records were "all disclosed" and "disclosed in part":** From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, there were no requests received or completed.

5. Training and Awareness

There were no privacy-related training or awareness activities provided to the NPA during the reporting period.

6. Policies, Guidelines, Procedures and Initiatives

Effective January 1, 2015, the NPA started to use the Open Government website to provide access to information summaries. The NPA relies on the NRCan ATIP Secretariat to undertake this work and to lead any new policies, guidelines, procedures

and initiatives. The NPA did not implement or modify any policies, guidelines, or procedures during the reporting period.

7. Initiatives and Projects to Improve Privacy

As noted above, privacy-related activities for the NPA, such as initiatives and projects to improve access to information under the Act, are handled by the NRCan ATIP Secretariat, as per the Service Letter of Agreement. The NRCan ATIP Secretariat is committed to leveraging opportunities aimed at reinforcing public trust. The following highlights a project underway to improve service to Canadians as they relate to protection of personal information and access, enhance trust and transparency.

- **IT Modernization:** NRCan continues to advance its digital ATIP platform modernization through the implementation of a new cloud-hosted Request Processing Software Solution. This initiative is replacing the NRCan's legacy system to improve efficiency, strengthen service delivery, and support a more secure, standardized ATIP program. NRCan selected the Amanda software as the next-generation, cloud-hosted Request Processing Software Solution. During the reporting period, the project achieved significant milestones, including completion of the discovery phase, finalization of business requirements and system design, establishment of the cloud hosting environment, and progress on security accreditation, training, and operational support planning. With these foundational activities substantially complete, the NRCan ATIP Secretariat remains on track for a production-ready deployment of the Amanda platform in late summer 2026.

8. Summary of Key Issues and Actions Taken on Complaints

There were no complaints or investigations initiated during this period or carried forward from the previous reporting period.

9. Material Privacy Breaches

There were no material privacy breaches that occurred during the reporting period.

10. Privacy Impact Assessments

There were no privacy impact assessments completed during the reporting period.

11. Public Interest Disclosures

There was no public interest disclosures made during the reporting period.

12. Monitoring Compliance

Monitoring compliance to the Act is a key component of improving ATIP performance. Although no requests were received, the NRCan ATIP Secretariat uses various tools to ensure the privacy matters are respected.

Annex A: Delegation Order

Position	**Sections of the *Privacy Act***
Deputy Minister	8(2)(m)
Departmental Coordinator, Access to Information and Privacy (Departmental wide)	8(2)(a) - (i), 8(5), 9(3), 9(4)(a), 14, 15, 17(2)(b), 18(2), 19 - 28, 33(2), 35(1), 35(4), 69, 70