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TransCanada Hosts Ports-to-Plains Alliance President

TransCanada recently hosted Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves, Montana Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney and U.S. Consul General in Calgary Tom Palaia at their Calgary headquarters for a tour of their Oil Control Center where the company monitors their extensive network of oil and gas pipelines throughout North America.

“It was a terrific presentation and very interesting to learn the details about how TransCanada safely transports so much oil and gas throughout the continent every day,” said Reeves. “You can definitely see the tremendous priority that TransCanada places on safety and how it permeates the corporate culture. It is no surprise that they have an industry-leading safety record.”

The Oil Control Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week using state of the art technology. Highly skilled pipeline controllers manage the sophisticated monitoring equipment, which connect to local control systems at each facility via satellite and other communication technologies to receive data every five seconds from thousands of sensors across the system. These sensors monitor and can detect very small changes in pressure, temperature, flow rate and other indicators. Each year, TransCanada invests approximately \$1 billion on pipeline maintenance, safety and inspection programs.

With more than 2.4 million miles of pipe, the United States has the largest energy pipeline network in the world. That includes approximately 72,000 miles of crude oil pipeline. According to the American Petroleum Institute, “pipelines deliver 99.999% of crude oil and petroleum products safely to their destination.”

Ports-to-Plains has been a strong supporter of the Keystone XL pipeline that will deliver oil from Alberta to refineries at the Texas gulf coast. It received its presidential permit earlier this year. TransCanada is currently seeking approval from the State of Nebraska for its route through that state, the final state permit needed before construction can begin.

“The Keystone XL project will be one of the safest pipelines ever built,” according to TransCanada. “Enhanced standards, powerful technology and independent governmental reviews will ensure that Keystone XL is built and operated to uphold our fundamental commitment to safety and the communities we serve.”

Follow this link for more information on [Keystone XL's safety practices](#).