Did you know that Stantec has developed a technique for pipeline leak detection using state of the art satellite imagery that is more efficient and less expensive than traditional air surveillance methods? Stantec is very proud to introduce PipeWATCH.

**PipeWATCH in Action**
PipeWATCH identified a release event that occurred between Date A and Date B based on vegetation signature change detection. This event was successfully detected by PipeWATCH **five days prior** to the pipeline operator’s knowledge.

Stantec's PipeWATCH gives you 100% coverage of your pipeline network.
What does PipeWATCH do?

PipeWATCH utilizes high resolution satellite images collected daily allowing for thousands of kilometers of pipeline networks to be inspected instantly. Through careful examination of vegetation photosynthesis absorption and reflection rates, PipeWATCH generates highly sensitive health signatures of pipeline right-of-way vegetation. The method detects vegetative health degradation caused by contamination from a release event.

Daily satellite-based vegetation signatures are compared from one day to the next to accurately identify problem locations. This permanent & growing satellite database delineates release events in a highly reliable & timely manner.

**Subsurface leak detection**

Cross section view of subsurface pipeline with shrubs/grass on surface and underground roots

Subsurface pin-hole leak undetected by pressure sensors slowly releasing liquid over time

Vegetation quickly reveals impacts from liquid release through leaf stress. Leak detection occurs early prior to visual or other engineered measures

PipeWATCH Advantages

- Daily monitoring throughout the growing season
- Vegetation indices more sensitive to releases than human eye
- Subsurface leak detection capability
- Imagery is multi-use: integrity management, external encroachment, vegetation clearing

Did you know?

PipeWATCH innovation augments how pipeline companies monitor vast stretches of infrastructure resulting in time and budget efficiencies while reducing risk to employees and the environment.

It is a win-win.

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