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To: All CNL Contractors

ADVISORY MESSAGE: OUT OF SCOPE WORK

CNL would like to advise that it is currently investigating a near miss safety incident where a contractor was not injured, but if the actions and/or behaviours were repeated there was a genuine risk of injury or fatality. This follows a number of other recent and potentially serious events of a similar nature where a common theme included work being performed “out of scope”. For clarity, this means both the contractual scope of work, but also any specific work plans, assessments and briefings associated with the activity.

CNL is aware that in some instances work is carried out with the best of intentions and trying to be helpful. However, undertaking any unplanned work, or, proceeding with work where the hazard assessment, scope, working environment or circumstances have changed, carries the potential for injury or worse.

While CNL appreciates its contractors support in wanting to progress work, it does not, and will not condone unplanned work activities, because the hazards and risks will not be planned or controlled. This includes any activities performed as a result of the contractor’s own decisions, or any that CNL may have potentially requested or instructed. It is appropriate and expected to “pause” and challenge any such decisions or instructions, and escalate these within CNL if appropriate.

It is essential that our collective workforce return home safe at the end of each day. As such we would like you to take this opportunity to communicate to your management and workforce the importance of following procedures, work plans and arrangements that we all put in place to ensure their safety and wellbeing. Any changes to these MUST be re-evaluated prior to proceeding with the work.

Safety is our overriding priority. It is our expectation that CNL staff, and our Industry partners share that core value.

Please ensure this message is cascaded appropriately within your respective organizations. We would also appreciate that you respond with a short note to supplierrelationships@cnl.ca confirming this message has been communicated to your staff.


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