*Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Public Lands Act charges* laid against Nexen

Calgary, Alberta (July 6, 2017)…On July 6, 2017, the Alberta Energy Regulator laid charges against Nexen regarding a pipeline spill that occurred at the company’s Long Lake in situ oil sands facility approximately facility 36 km southeast of Fort McMurray in July 2015.

Based on a recommendation by the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service the following charges have been laid:

* One count under section 109(2) of the [*Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/acts/e12.pdf) *(EPEA)* for releasing a substance to the environment that caused or may have caused an adverse effect.
* One count under section 110(1) of EPEA for failing to report the release of the substance as soon as possible.
* One count under section 112(1)(a)(i) of EPEA for failing to take all reasonable measures to remediate.
* One count under 112(1)(a)(ii) of EPEA for failing to take all reasonable measures to remediate, manage, remove or dispose of the substance to prevent an adverse effect.
* One count under section 54(1)(a.1) of the [*Public Lands Act* (PLA)](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/P40.pdf) for causing a disturbance to public land.

Nexen’s first court appearance is scheduled for August 16, 2017 in Fort McMurray provincial court.