

TransCanada supports the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe emergency communication system.

Cass Lake, Minnesota – **May 11, 2012** – Bob Hopkins, U.S. Tribal Liaison for TransCanada, presented the [Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe](#) Emergency Response Department a check for \$50,000 on May 1, 2012 for the Leech Lake Emergency Interoperability Project. The support is part of TransCanada’s investment in the areas where the company operates and does business.

“The donation from TransCanada will make a difference in moving the emergency system forward, and we’re happy to be a supporting partner on this project.” says Vern Meier, Vice President, U.S. Pipeline Operations for TransCanada. “The project will allow the State of Minnesota to have a common backbone of radio systems.”

The Leech Lake Interoperability Project is designed to create a unified tribal reservation band emergency communication system as part of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the State of Minnesota Participation Plan. The Participation Plan accounts for all tribal departments that would need to respond to daily emergencies, and those responding to a reservation or county emergency or disaster. It is intended to integrate with the state-wide communication system that allows the Leech Lake tribal government to respond to state and national emergencies and disasters. The plan includes the purchase of all required equipment, system training, and system testing; and should be in full operation by November 2012. The system allows all bands, upon the State of Minnesota ARMER conversion, to continue to operate emergency ambulance and rescue services. It also aids in honoring TransCanada’s Medical Mutual Aid agreement within the four counties of Itasca, Beltrami, Cass and Hubbard, as well as TransCanada’s Cooperative Law Enforcement agreement with those same counties, in which TransCanada has assets.

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