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# Management of Fugitive Emissions at Above-Ground Natural Gas Transmission, Storage and Distribution Facilities

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# Presentation Outline

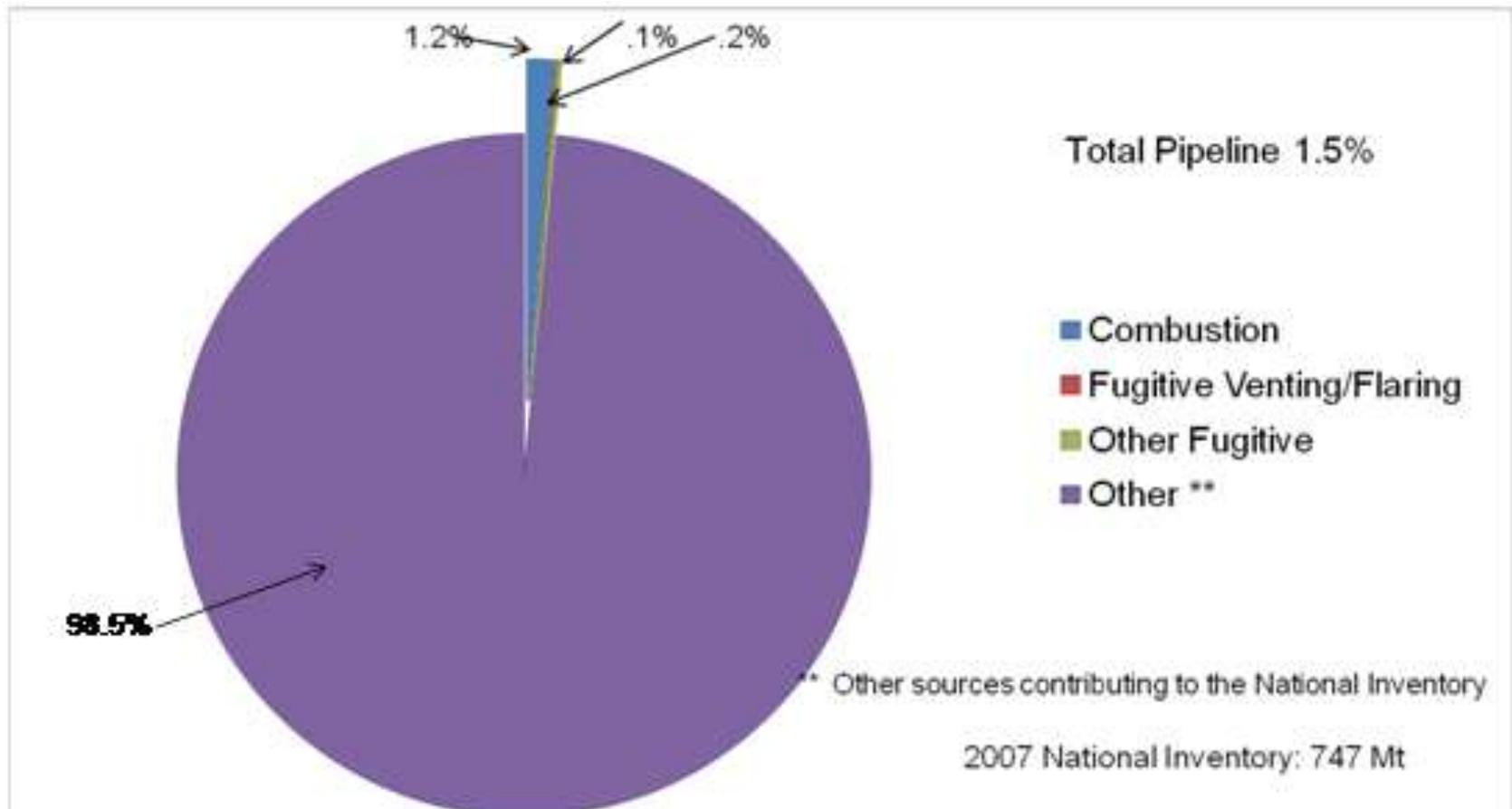
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# The Need to Manage Fugitive Emissions

- Methane is a relatively potent Green House Gas (GHG).
- Environment Canada considering a Code of Practice to Control Fugitive Emissions of Air Contaminants for Oil and Gas sectors.
- Provincial Government of Ontario considering the implementation of a carbon cap and trade system.
- The natural gas industry in Canada supports need to effectively manage GHG emissions.

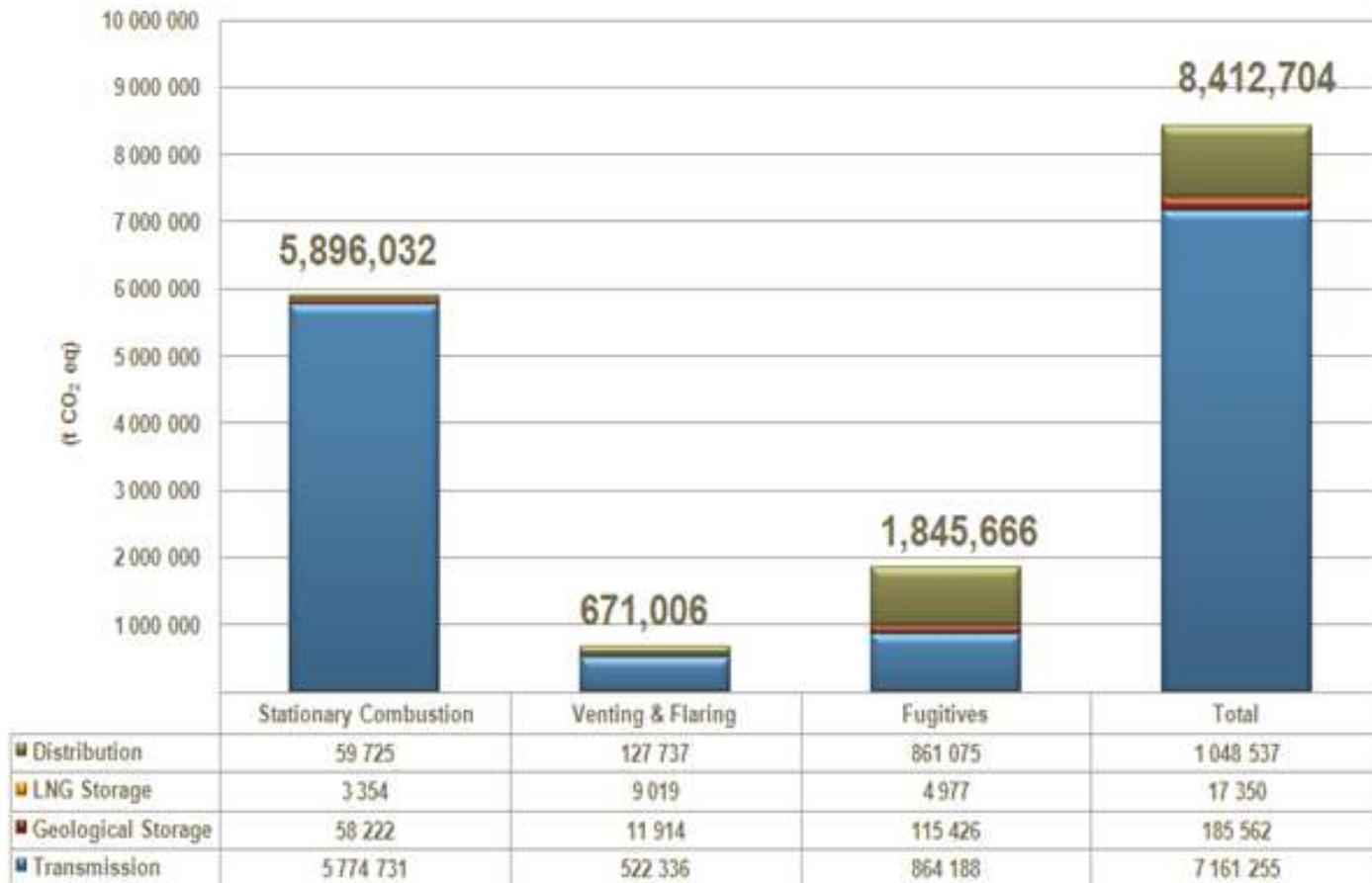
# The Need to Manage Fugitive Emissions

## 2007 Pipeline Sector GHG Emissions as a Percent of Canada's National Inventory (megatonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e)



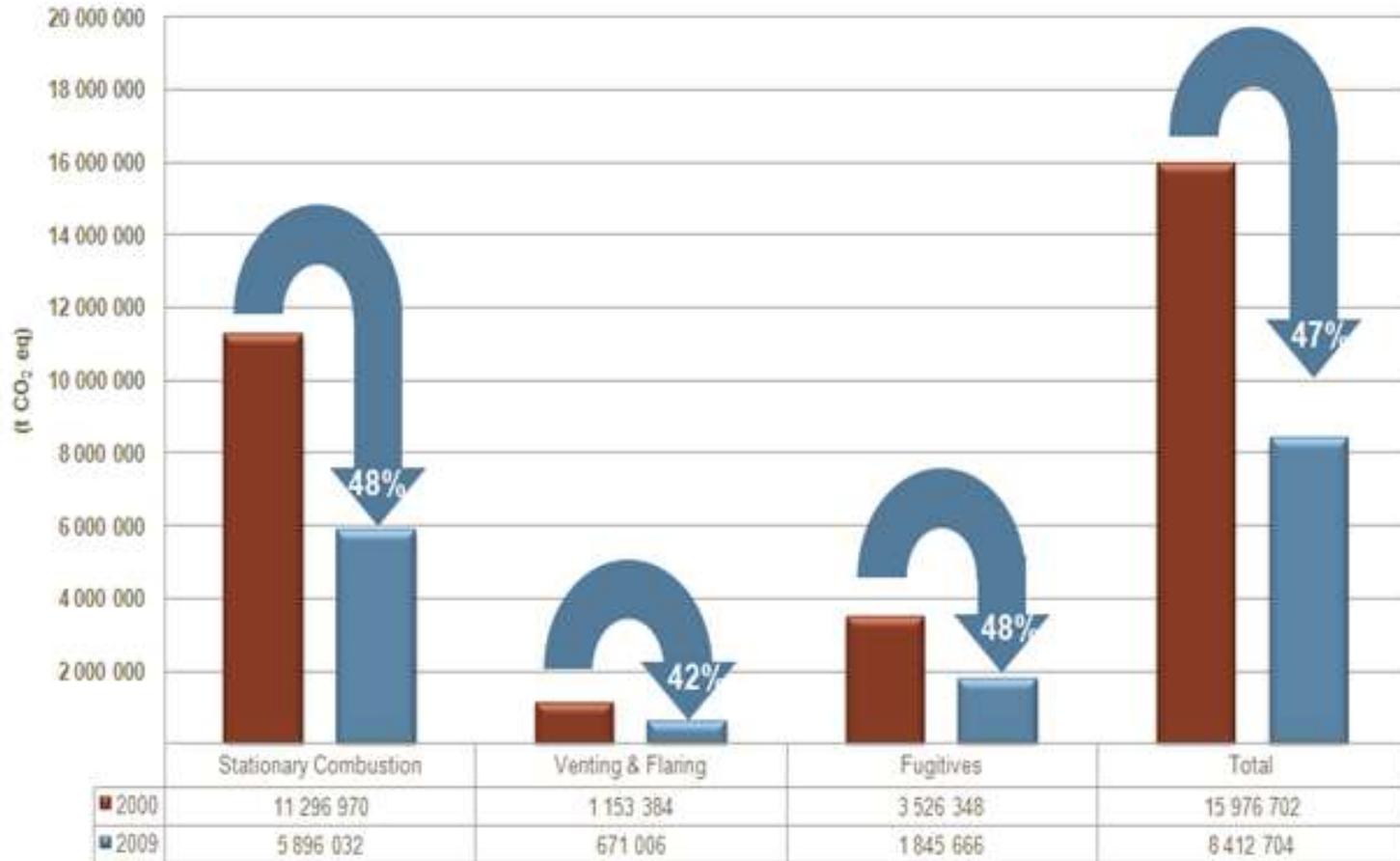
# The Need to Manage Fugitive Emissions

## 2009 GHG Emissions Summary by Pipeline Segment and Emission Source Category



# The Need to Manage Fugitive Emissions

## Comparison of 2000 and 2009 GHG Emissions by Emissions Source Category



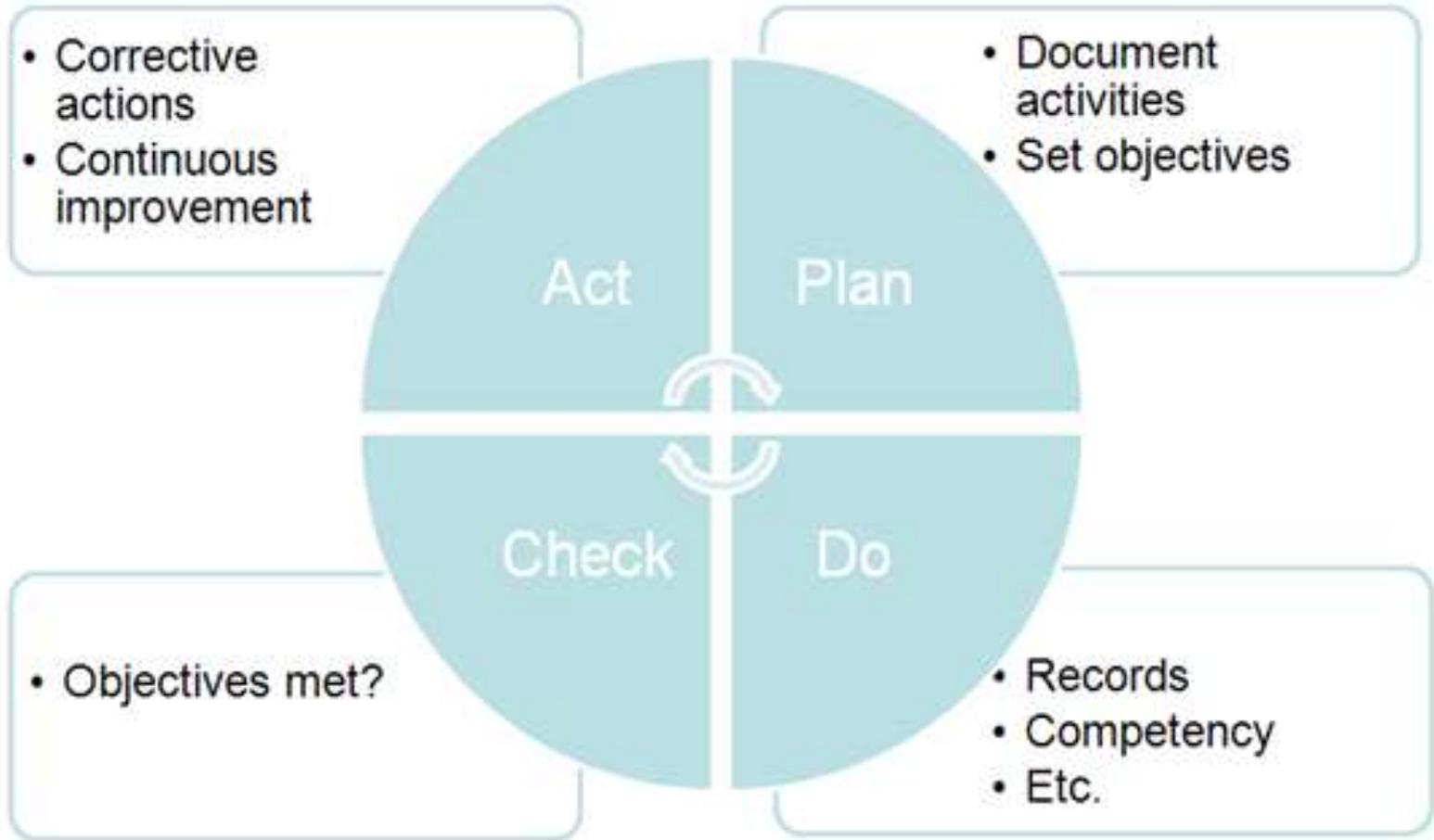
# The Canadian Natural Gas Industry's Response



- The industry feels it has been doing a good job of managing fugitive emissions.
  
- Legislated codes of practice will not necessarily be effective.
  - Prescribed reduction targets may not be realistic in a growing industry.
  - Challenges in accurately measuring fugitive emissions suggests they should not be included in cap and trade systems.
  
- Industry standards in Canada increasingly based on “management system approaches”.

- Growing consensus among regulators that management systems needed to achieve goals and effectively manage risks.
- Canadian gas industry believes Asset Management provides effective framework for managing fugitive emissions.
- The industry wants to demonstrate that it is capable and committed to effectively managing fugitive emissions without the need for prescriptive legislation or incentive mechanisms.

## Management Systems Approach



# Developing an Industry Guidance

- Overall aim of Industry Guidance is to provide practical guidance to operators for developing customized approaches to managing fugitive emissions at individual natural gas facilities.
- Approach must be adaptable as program objectives change and as new technology or methods are adopted.
- Approach must be results oriented.
  - Requires operators to determine how they intend to meet objectives.
  - Requires performance measurement to track progress.

# Outline of Industry Guidance Document



- The document specifies the key elements for effective management of fugitive emissions:
  - The application of appropriate technology and standards.
  - The implementation of management systems.
  - Corporate commitment.
  
- The document recognizes that different management approaches are required for transmission versus storage versus distribution sectors:
  - Odourized gas in distribution systems allows for easier detection.
  - There are more high-leak-potential components in transmission and storage systems.
  - Distribution systems leak less but lack economies of scale for implementing leak management programs.

- The document outlines the key elements of a Fugitive Emissions Management Plan to ensure effective and verifiable management of fugitive emissions:
  - Endorsed by senior management.
  - Documents baseline emissions or leak management performance.
  - Establishes the scope of the program.
  - Sets clear performance targets and ongoing performance monitoring requirements.
  - Identifies critical areas and component categories to focus on.
  - Specifies quality control and quality assurance measures.
  - Outlines responsibilities of management, operations and maintenance personnel and contractors.

- The document also outlines:
  - A system for managing all leak monitoring and repair records.
  - The typical key sources of fugitive equipment leaks.
  - Important considerations and constraints.
  - Improved operating practices.
  - Relevant technologies for the detection, measurement and control of fugitive emissions.

- The document describes an effective leak management program as follows:
  - PLAN - Companies shall define and document the activities they undertake on their systems for leak detection, investigation and repair. Planning shall also include the setting of performance objectives.
  - DO - Companies shall ensure that defined activities are implemented in accordance with company requirements.
  - CHECK - Companies shall review their leak management program to ensure that objectives are met.
  - ACT- Companies shall take action to correct areas where objectives may not be met. In addition, companies shall review their entire leak management program to identify opportunities for continuous improvement.

- The guidance document is intended to:
  - Provide companies with an improved understanding of fugitive emissions and impacts.
  - Provide companies the ability to adapt to changes in technologies, methods, business drivers or other areas.
  - Support the alignment of environmental risk management with safety, integrity, security and other business risks.
  - Facilitate a dialogue with regulators by requiring documented objectives and measured performance.
  
- The guidance document has been presented to government authorities to positively influence the development of potential government policies, codes of practice and regulations governing fugitive emissions in Canada.

# Questions?