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Notice Concerning Impact of Typhoon Lan (Second Report)

INPEX expresses its deepest sympathies to all those affected by Typhoon Lan (Typhoon No. 21) which caused damage across all areas of Japan starting on October 21, 2017.

On October 26, 2017, INPEX issued a notice ⁽¹⁾ in its website concerning the possibility that a portion of the Oumi Line gas pipeline traveling between Joetsu City and Itoigawa City in Niigata Prefecture, Japan had sustained damage.

(1) <http://www.inpex.co.jp/english/news/pdf/2017/e20171026.pdf>

Updates and plans concerning this matter are outlined below:

1. As a portion of the segment of the Oumi Line between Kawazume Valve Station (Itoigawa City) and Maki Valve Station (Itoigawa City) crossing the Nou River in Niigata Prefecture was exposed to flowing water due to a rise in the river's water level caused by the typhoon, INPEX is scheduled to remove this portion of pipeline.
2. Through subsequent investigations, INPEX has confirmed damage to a portion of the segment of the Oumi Line between Nigorisawa Valve Station (Joetsu City) and Kawazume Valve Station (Itoigawa City) due to a landslide occurring in the vicinity of Higashi Taniuchi, Niigata Prefecture.
3. Plans concerning the two portions of the pipeline outlined above will be devised in cooperation with concerned parties including the local government. As announced, the company has already temporarily closed the two segments and released the residual natural gas into the atmosphere to ensure safety.
4. The supply of natural gas to customers located along the Oumi Line is continuing without disruption by being rerouted to the Shin Oumi Line, which runs parallel to the Oumi Line between Joetsu City and Itoigawa City. There is no impact to the company's supply of natural gas.

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