# DRAG REDUCING AGENTS IMPROVE PIPELINE PROFITABILITY

## **Drag Reducing Agents Optimize the Potential of your Pipelines**

### **Increase Pipeline Capacity**

- The use of a drag reducing agent (DRA) reduces the frictional resistance in turbulent flow
- DRAs reduce the energy required to move fluids
- Flow rates are increased with drag reduction

#### **Reduce Pipeline Pressures**

• The reduction of turbulence in a pipeline results in lower pressures

#### **No Effect on Refineries**

- The active component is an ultra-high molecular weight hydrocarbon polymer which dissolves into the hydrocarbon stream and does not deposit on the pipeline walls
- The polymer is a hydrocarbon similar to major components in crude oil and shear degrades as it travels downstream, becoming indistinguishable from the components in the pipeline flow stream

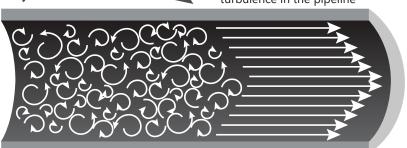
#### **Recent Success Case**

- PureChem has used a drag reducing agent in a sales oil pipeline for a customer in SE Saskatchewan
- DR-804 was injected at 8 lbs per hour or approximately 30 ppm
- This application increased pipeline capacity from 115 m<sup>3</sup> per hour to 130 m<sup>3</sup> per hour at 600 psig

DRAs are injected using high pressure positive displacement pumps after pump stations.

DRAs can result in a 70-80% reduction in drag with 20-30 ppm of added polymer.

The addition of a DRA inhibits turbulence in the pipeline



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