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# Preface

This is the third edition of CSA Z246.2, *Emergency preparedness and response for petroleum and natural gas industry systems*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2018 and 2014.

This Standard provides requirements for a continual improvement process to develop, implement, maintain, and evaluate an emergency preparedness and response program. This helps operators in the industry to be prepared to respond to an emergency that affects people, the environment, or property.

The following are the major changes to this edition:

- a) rewriting Clauses [9](#) and [11.3](#);
- b) expansion and harmonization of Clause [12](#) with Annex [A](#);
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- d) rewriting and reordering of provisions in Clause [13](#) and Annex [A](#).

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