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Mr. Darren Hicks, Environmental Analyst  
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the document entitled "Environmental Assessment of the Ptarmigan Geophysical Program 2012-2021 Offshore Western NL" dated 18 June 2012 which was authored by Stantec Consulting Limited.

In May 2012, DND provided information to the proponent regarding the project (attached). Please ensure the environmental assessment clearly references that DND was contacted and includes the information that was provided to the proponent in May 2012.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carol Lee Giffin  
Formation Safety and Environmental Officer  
for Commander

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**Federal Coordination Regulations  
Section 6 - Record of Determination**

**Project Title:** Anticosti Basin Seismic Program, 2012-2018  
**Location:** Anticosti Basin  
**Proponent:** Ptarmigan Energy Inc.

**FEDERAL AUTHORITY:** Department of National Defence  
**NAME & TITLE:** Carol Lee Gilpin, Formation, Safety and Environment Officer  
**SIGNATURE:** [Redacted] **DATE:** 2012-03-22

In accordance with the Section 6 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Federal Authority identified above, has reviewed the project description and advises you of the following:

(a) it is **likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

Trigger  Proponent  Funding   
 Land Transfer  Law List

Law List Trigger \_\_\_\_\_

(b) it is **not likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

(c) it is in **possession** of specialist or expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment of the project

1. DND is likely to be operating in the vicinity of the study area in a non-interference manner during the project timeframe.

2. A search of the UXO records was conducted to determine the possible presence of UXO within the Proponent's survey area.

Our records indicate no wrecks are present within the survey area.

Given our understanding of the survey activities to be conducted, the associated UXO risk is assessed as negligible. Nonetheless, due to the inherent dangers associated with UXO and the fact that the Atlantic Ocean was exposed to many naval engagements during WWII, should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the Proponent's operations, it should not be disturbed/manipulated. The Proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2012 Annual Edition - Notices to Mariners, Section F, No.37.

In the event of activities which may have contact with the seabed (such as drilling or mooring), it is strongly advised that operational aids, such as remote operated vehicles, be used to conduct a seabed survey in order to prevent unintentional contact with harmful UXO items that may have gone unreported or undetected.

Further UXO general information is available at our website at [www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca](http://www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca)

OR

(d) additional information is required to make a determination

If the answer to (d) is "yes" the Regulations require that the additional information be requested within 10 days after making the determination.

Identify the contact person for the environmental assessment, if different from above:

**Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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