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From: Freddy Horne

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:45 PM

To: <u>Information</u>

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Subject: moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of St Lawrence - RE: Corridor proposal

Dear Sir/Madam:

My concerns RE: Corridor proposal

I am concerned that the existing levels of pollutants in the Gulf of St Lawrence combined with the poor capacity for the Gulf to 'flush' can only lead to one sensible conclusion - prudence is the best option; therefore I would like to see a moratorium on oil drilling inside the Gulf of St Lawrence.

I grew up next to the sandy beaches of the north shore of Prince Edward Island, with access guaranteed by the existence of the PEI National Park. It is a defining factor in who I am and it has carried on to my children. So it is too with my ancestors on this Island since 1770. Having seen reports of the horror of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill by BP I do not believe that there is any room for error --- I simply do not want to risk this part of my identity nor the future health of our environment. I believe all residents of the Gulf area and/or shores share my sense of well being at the reassurances of the past decades and centuries and the food and 'sense of home' that the Gulf has provided.

I believe the Corridor project needs to be stopped.

I believe the formal details of what happens next must include the following: 1) A strategic environmental assessment with a full panel review; 2) a comprehensive regional public consultation process; 3) Time to look at the science, the ongoing information from the Gulf of Mexico: 4) Time to carefully discuss and consider what is in the best interests of Gulf of St Lawrence residents and Canadians in general as well as the economy and environment.

I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Fred Horne