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Ms. Elizabeth Young
Canada Newfoundland and Labrador
Offshore Petroleum Board
Fifth Floor, TD Place
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Dear Ms. Young:

RE: Old Harry Prospect – Comments on EA Update

EAS 2011-074F

Environment Canada (EC) is writing in response to your letter of transmittal dated September 11, 2013, conveying the Proponent's response to our comments of May 24, 2013, regarding the Old Harry Prospect Exploratory Drilling Program.

EC is satisfied with the Proponent response to issues regarding the physical environment and no further information is requested.

With respect to the oil spill modelling the Proponent continues to assert a position that is contrary to the advice provided. EC acknowledges the Proponent's position but does not agree with it for the reasons stated in several pieces of previous correspondence. Also, as indicated in our May 24, 2013 letter, we feel that there is little to be gained by further information exchange on this topic. We therefore recommend that the CNLOPB exercise its responsibilities under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and make a course of action decision based on EC advice previously communicated.

I trust that this will be of assistance in your review of this project. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 902-426-3593. Alternatively, you may also contact Glenn Troke, who is coordinating EC's review of this project, at 709-772-4087/ Glenn.Troke@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,


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