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Dear Ms. Young:

Re: Environmental Assessment of the Old Harry Prospect Exploration Drilling Program

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the Disposition Table, the revised environmental assessment report entitled "*Environmental Assessment of the Old Harry Prospect Exploration Drilling Program*" and the revised "*Oil Spill Fate and Behavior Modelling in Support of Corridor Resources Old Harry Exploratory Drilling Environmental Assessment*" report.

Overall, the revisions to the EA document and the Disposition Table have adequately addressed the majority of the comments provided by DFO during the review of the environmental assessment report.

We wish to point out however that the revisions to the "*Oil Spill Fate and Behavior Modeling Updated Report*" have not fully addressed all of the issues raised by DFO in the original review of the environmental assessment report. This results in increased uncertainties, and increases the risk that there may be inadequate preparedness to deal with the consequences of an oil spill in this area. Additionally, in some cases the depiction of the distribution and migration of marine fish in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence remains incomplete despite DFO having provided references for revision purposes.

Detailed comments on the above items are provided in the attached updated Disposition Table.

If you have any comments or concerns please contact me by phone at 772-8889 or by e-mail.

Regards,

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