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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed documentation sent respecting the "Western Newfoundland 2017 Controlled Source Electromagnetic (CSEM) Survey – Environmental Assessment" completed by Stantec, 2017.

MARLANT Safety and Environment (MARL SE) has the following comments:

- Please identify a specific individual or office to serve as a Point of Contact (POC) for MARLANT queries and concerns;
- Confirm the appropriate Notice to Mariners will be issued for all underwater activities and any significant surface ventures, such as use of flares, buoys, and unconventional night lighting; and
- Publish the appropriate Notice to Airmen of activities that could affect air safety, such as use of balloons, UAVs or tethered airborne devices.

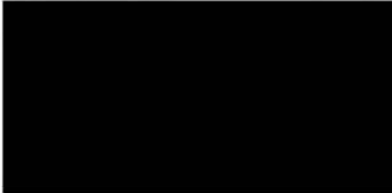
The UXO Program has conducted a search of our database and there are no identified UXO sites of concern in that area.

Due to the fact that there may be uncharted shipwrecks or unidentified UXO sites or munition dumps and in the event of activities are conducted that have contact with the seabed (such as drilling or mooring), it is strongly advised that operational aids, such as remotely operated vehicles, be used to conduct seabed survey in order to prevent unintentional contact with shipwrecks or dumpsites that are not noted on the maps or harmful UXO items that may have gone unreported or undetected.

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

Sincerely,



MARLANT Safety and Environmental Officer
for Commander