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Dear Mr. Hicks:

Re: Eastern Newfoundland Strategic Environmental Assessment – Draft EA Review

The Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the Eastern Newfoundland Strategic Environmental Assessment Draft Report dated February 2014.

During the Fall of 2013 (September 24, 2013) DND searched our UXO records to determine the possible presence of UXO within the study area. DND provided an excel spreadsheet and a map with coordinates of known DND legacy sites and shipwrecks and submarines in the study area. DND provided the following mitigation measures:

During 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 to prevent unintentional contact with harmful UXO items that may have gone unreported or undetected. 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 operations, they should not disturb/manipulate it. The Proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard.

The location information was contained within the draft report, but neither an impact assessment nor the mitigation measures provided are reflected in the draft report.

Also, the citation for the information provided by DND and noted in the draft report (in Sections 4.3.5.5 and 7.1, as well as Table 4.134) is incorrect. The draft letter was sent to you from the undersigned and should be noted in your draft report as such.

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