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SUBJECT: Notice of termination of the environmental assessment for the Southeastern Newfoundland Offshore Exploration Drilling Project

Dear Shelley Sullivan:

On August 12, 2019; March 18, 2022; and May 19, 2022, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) contacted you regarding the three-year legislated time limit for you to provide the required information or studies for the environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) for the Southeastern Newfoundland Offshore Exploration Drilling Project (the Project) pursuant to subsection 181(2) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA).

The deadline to submit the required information or studies described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines issued for the Project was **August 28**, **2022**. The required information or studies have not been provided to the Agency, nor has an extension to the three-year legislated time limit been granted. The environmental assessment for the Project under CEAA 2012 is thus terminated in accordance with section 181(3) of the IAA. A notice informing the public of the termination will be posted on the Registry: <u>Southeastern Newfoundland Offshore Exploration Drilling Project - Canada.ca (jaac-aeic.gc.ca)</u>.

If you still wish to proceed with the Project, you should consider whether the Project is a designated physical activity described in the *Physical Activities Regulations*, as the prohibitions under section 7 of the IAA may apply to the Project. Further information on the IAA is available on the Agency's website at <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency.html</u>.





If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Joshua Boisvert by phone at or by email at joshua.boisvert@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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