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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the document entitled "Environmental Assessment of GX Technology Canada Ltd's GrandSPAN 2D Seismic, Gravity and Magnetic Survey, 2014-2018".

On 27 January 2014, DND provided an excel spreadsheet with coordinates of known DND legacy sites and shipwrecks and submarines in the study area. Information provided by DND was clarified through email correspondence. However, the Environmental Assessment (EA) did not specifically note the Sydney Shallow Disposal Site (46.31N, 58.65W) within the project area. This is a site that was used to dispose excess munitions following WWII. DND provided the following mitigation measure, which should be included in the EA:

Due to the inherent dangers associated with UXO and the fact that the Northwest Atlantic Ocean was exposed to many naval engagements during WWII, and that the project area includes the Sydney Shallow Disposal Site, should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the operations, the Proponent should not disturb/manipulate it. The Proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2010 Annual Edition – Notices to Mariners, Section 37.

DND appreciates the intended ongoing communication regarding activities, locations and timelines. 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