



April 20, 2011

Mr. James O'Reilly
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Re: Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report
EMCP Response to Additional Review Comments, Part 1 (January 28, 2011)

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) and federal and provincial fisheries and environmental agencies that provided comments on the June 2010 Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) have reviewed the March 18, 2011 response submitted by ExxonMobil Canada Properties (EMCP). The March 18, 2011 submission was in response to the additional review comments on Part 1 that were forwarded to EMCP on January 28, 2011 by the C-NLOPB.

Pursuant to paragraph 11(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Responsible Authorities (RAs) cannot exercise a regulatory duty or function until the associated environmental assessment process is complete and they are satisfied that significant adverse environmental effects are unlikely to occur. In order for the RAs to make a determination of significance, a response to the attached comments is required.

The C-NLOPB is willing to organize a meeting between EMCP and reviewers for the purpose of providing clarification on comments before the formal response is provided by EMCP. Prior to doing so, we suggest that EMCP indicate which of the remaining comments / responses it wishes to discuss in the meeting, to ensure optimal participation by reviewers.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, I may be reached at 709-778-4232, or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Young".

Elizabeth Young
Environmental Assessment Officer

Attachment

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