



September 7, 2010

Mr. Hareesh Pillai
ExxonMobil Canada Ltd.
Suite 701, 215 Water Street
St. John's, NL A1C 6C9

Dear Mr. Pillai:

Re: Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report
Review Comments

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has reviewed the draft "*Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report*" (June 2010) and has received comments from our federal and provincial fisheries and environmental agencies, the Fish, Food, and Allied Workers Union (FFAW), the Alder Institute, and Gail Fraser. Attached is a consolidation of all comments received during the public comment period that are directly related to the requirements of a comprehensive study level of environmental assessment and the "*Hebron Development Project Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Scoping Document*" (C-NLOPB, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, Transport Canada & Industry Canada June 2009).

It is requested that you review the attached comments and provide a response to us that addresses these comments. Upon receipt of this response, the C-NLOPB will request that federal and provincial agencies review the response to determine if their comments have been addressed satisfactorily. This review should be completed within three weeks. Upon acceptance of the response to the review comments, ExxonMobil Canada Ltd. will submit a revised Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) in both official languages. This will be transmitted by the C-NLOPB, on behalf of the responsible authorities (RAs), to the Minister of the Environment.

The report lists a number of monitoring and follow-up initiatives to be undertaken during program activities. The requirement for a 'follow-up' program, as defined by the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act) cannot be determined until the environmental assessment review is complete. The C-NLOPB will consult with ExxonMobil Canada Ltd. regarding the detail of any required follow-up monitoring program, as may be required.

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

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

Elizabeth Young
Environmental Assessment Officer

Attachments

cc D. Burley
J. O'Reilly
B. Coulter
R. Dickey
J. Kelly
G. Troke
R. Decker
S. Mills