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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the document entitled “Husky Energy Atlantic Region, Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area, Environmental Assessment Review for 2015”.

MARLANT Safety and Environment (MARL SE) has the following comments:

- Please identify a specific individual or office to serve as a Point Of Contact (POC) for MARLANT queries and concerns;
- Please ensure an appropriate Notice to Mariners is issued for all underwater activities and any significant surface ventures; such as, use of flares, buoys, and unconventional night lighting;
- Please ensure the appropriate Notice to Airmen is issued for all activities that could affect air safety; such as, use of balloons, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or tethered airborne devices; and
- Please ensure engagement of CTF 84, through Director General Naval Strategic Readiness (DGNSR) (Point of Contact for: LCdr Hopkins, DNSO SSO Readiness. Tel: 613-945-0652), to ensure de-confliction with possible Allied submarine activities.

We have conducted a search of our records with respect to possible Unexploded Explosive Ordnance (UXO) presence within the proposed area. Our records indicate that there is one shipwreck in the vicinity of the study area – the U-520 shipwreck (47.78334N, 49.8333W).

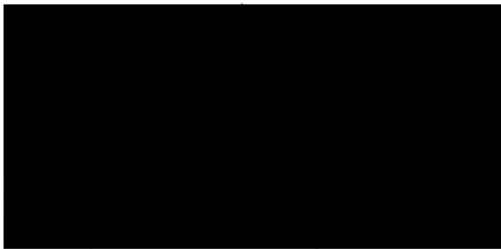
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Given our understanding of the activities to be conducted and there will be no interaction with the sea floor, the associated UXO risk is negligible. Nonetheless, due to the inherent dangers associated with UXO and the fact that the Northwest Atlantic Ocean was exposed to many naval engagements during WWII, should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the operations, the Proponent should not disturb or manipulate it. The Proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2015 Annual Edition – Notices to Mariners, Section 37.

Furthermore, when conducting activities which may have contact with the seabed (such as mooring, sampling or well installation), it is strongly advised that operational aids, such as remotely operated vehicles, be used to conduct a seabed survey in order to prevent unintentional contact with harmful UXO items that may have gone unreported or undetected. Further UXO general information is available at our website at [www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca](http://www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca).

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