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Re: Husky Energy Jeanne d'Arc Basin 3D Seismic Survey (CEAR 05-01-8783) Environmental Assessment Update

In 2005, Husky Energy submitted an environmental assessment pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act) for a multi-year 3D seismic and geophysical survey program in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin area of the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area. The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) determined that the project would not likely result in significant environmental effects with the application of mitigation measures. However, the C-NLOPB requested Husky Energy to submit an update to the approved environmental assessment (EA update) prior to the commencement of seismic activities in 2006.

Husky Energy submitted the EA update "Jeanne d'Arc Basin 3D Seismic Program Environmental Assessment Update" on April 07, 2006. The EA update includes considers new information that was not available for the 2005 review, discusses the results of the marine mammal and seabird monitoring program undertaken in 2005, and addresses concerns or issues arising from the 2005 review of the environmental assessment that were not addressed by the proponent prior to the 2005 survey.

Please review the environmental assessment update and forward comments to me no later than **May 09**, **2006.** If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment update, you may contact me via phone (709-778-1431) or via email (kcoady@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

Original Signed by K. Coady

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