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Mr. Darren Hicks, Environmental Analyst Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board 5th Floor, TD Place 140 Water Street St. John's NL A1C 6H6

Dear Mr. Hicks:

The Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the **Husky Energy Sydney Basin Seismic Program Environmental Assessment** conducted pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* provided on 19 March 2010.

At this time, DND has the following comments:

- It is suggested that consultation with DND be listed in the EA document and that information provided below be included in *Section 5.0 Environmental Settings* of the document and in the assessment as appropriate;
- Promulgate actual work locations as per Navigation to Ship notices (NOTSHIPS);
- It is suggested that Husky check potential DND activity each season through the Staff Officer Environmental Assessment; and
- Based on the information that MARLANT currently holds, the following sites have potential for the presence of UXO:
 - Disposed Naval Mines 47.25N 059.66W
 - UXO and Mines 46.17N 059.44W
 - United States patrol boat 46.41N 060.33W
 - Disposal Area (potential mustard gas) 46.30N 058.65W

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Lee Giffin

Formation Safety and Environmental Officer

for Commander

