



September 4, 2009

Mr. Don Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

**Re: Husky Energy Sydney Basin Offshore Area Seismic Program, 2009-2018
CEA Act Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) and based on the information presented in the project description “2009-2018 Seismic Survey Program for the Sydney Basin Offshore Area – Project Description” (Husky Energy August 6, 2009), the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that a screening level of environmental assessment is required for the proposed seismic program.

The C-NLOPB has determined, in consultation with federal and provincial regulatory agencies, the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the environmental assessment report. Please note, as stated on page 1 of the Scoping Document,

The C-NLOPB and CNSOPB has determined that the environmental assessment report and any supporting documents to be submitted by Husky Energy will fulfill the requirements of a Screening. The C-NLOPB and CNSOPB, therefore, pursuant to Section 17 (1) of the CEA Act, formally delegates the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable Screening environmental assessment to Husky Energy, the project proponent. The C-NLOPB and CNSOPB will prepare the Screening Report, which will include the determination of significance.

During the review of the draft Scoping Document, regulatory agencies provided review comments. These comments are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report.

If you have any questions regarding the CEEA environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

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Attachments

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