

C-NLOPB Issues Administrative Monetary Penalty to Husky Oil Operations Limited for Not Meeting Operations Authorization Commitments

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The C-NLOPB has applied an Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) of \$16,000 to Husky Oil Operations Limited, for not meeting a commitment outlined in Condition 11 of an Operations Authorization (OA) issued by the C-NLOPB. Condition 11 required Husky to conduct seabird and marine mammal observations on a daily basis between May 26 and July 4, 2019, using the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) *Henry Goodrich* during exploratory drilling activities on the Tiger's Eye D-17 well, located in the Jeanne d'Arc Region.

Husky had previously transferred responsibility to collect daily seabird observations from the MODU *Henry Goodrich*, to offshore supply vessels on safety standby in the White Rose Field. During the Tiger's Eye D-17 well project, six offshore supply vessels undertook standby duties for the MODU *Henry Goodrich*. Of those vessels, one vessel conducted seabird observations for a total of 25 observations; another vessel conducted one observation; remaining vessels did not conduct seabird observations. No marine mammal observations were conducted.

At the end of the drilling program, Husky notified the C-NLOPB that it had not met its requirements for Condition 11 and were cooperative in the investigative follow-up by C-NLOPB staff. Husky also identified the following five permanent corrective actions which now have been implemented for Offshore Supply Vessels on Safety Standby, responsible for collecting daily seabird observations:

- 1) Update Vessel Mobilization Checklist to include Seabird Observation Training Requirement;
- 2) Develop Seabird & Marine Mammal Observation Procedure;
- 3) Develop & Implement Training Program for Conducting Seabird and Marine Mammal Observations;
- 4) Develop a Self-Assessment to Verify Seabird Observations on a Weekly Basis; and
- 5) Develop Compliance Register for EA Commitments with Atlantic Region Environmental Assessments.

Pursuant to section 202.2 of the *Accord Act*, companies are permitted to request a review of the amount of the penalty, the facts of the violation or both. Husky did not file a Request for Review and has paid the penalty in full.

For further information, the *Administrative Monetary Penalty Guidelines* can be found [here](#).

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