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**Re: ConocoPhillips Laurentian Subbasin Exploration Drilling Program (CEAR 05-01-16537)  
Environmental Assessment Report**

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ConocoPhillips submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) an environmental assessment report for a proposed exploratory drilling program in the Laurentian Subbasin area of the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area (the Project).

The Project, as described in the EA report, will include the drilling of a single well in one of two locations. Depending on the success of the first well, up to six additional wells may be drilled. Project activities are proposed to commence in 2007, with drilling to occur to 2010. In addition to drilling activities, the project includes vertical seismic profiling programs and wellsite/geohazard surveys, as may be required, and all associated activities typical of a drilling program.

The C-NLOPB determined that the Project would require an authorization pursuant to Section 138(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and Section 134(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*, and will be conducting a screening, pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act), of the proposed Project. The environmental assessment report was completed in accordance with the scoping document prepared by the C-NLOPB on March 02, 2006. A copy is enclosed for your information.

Please review the enclosed environmental assessment report and forward comments no later than **December 21, 2006**. If you have any questions on the attached, I may be reached at 709-778-1431 or via email at <kcoady@cnlopb.nl.ca>

Yours truly,

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