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Environmental Affairs
Canada-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board
140 Water Street, TD Place
St. John's, NL
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**Attention: Mr. Darren Hicks and Ms. Elizabeth Young
Environmental Assessment**

**RE: Submittal of Revised Addendum Version #3 to Environmental Assessment Report
for Eastern Newfoundland Offshore Geophysical, Geochemical, Environmental
and Geotechnical Program 2018 – 2023 (December 2018)**

Nexen Energy ULC (Nexen) is planning to undertake an offshore petroleum exploration program in the eastern portion of the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area. This exploration program will include proposed geophysical, geochemical, environmental and geotechnical survey activities in this region. Nexen filed regulatory documents with the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) including a Project Description on February 1, 2017, and an Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) on June 19, 2017.

On October 12, 2017, the C-NLOPB referred a number of comments to Nexen about the EA Report that required additional clarification or information. In March 2018, Nexen filed an Environmental Assessment Addendum document with the C-NLOPB to respond to the October 2017 comments.

On April 26, 2018, the C-NLOPB referred a number of additional comments to Nexen about the EA Report and EA Addendum documents that required additional clarification or information. In May 2018, Nexen filed a Revised Environmental Assessment Addendum document Version #2 (May 2018) with the C-NLOPB to respond to the April 2018 comments.

On September 19, 2018, the C-NLOPB referred two additional comments to Nexen about the EA Report and EA Addenda documents that required additional clarification or information. In October 2018, Nexen filed a Revised Environmental Assessment Addendum document Version #3 (October 2018) with the C-NLOPB to respond to the September 2018 comments.

Nexen submitted its EA Report and supporting Addendums to the C-NLOPB with an expected 10-year temporal scope (2018–2027). The C-NLOPB recently reviewed the temporal and spatial scopes of the Accord Acts, and in June 2018 made the decision to reduce the maximum allowable temporal scope of geophysical/geological EAs to six years to better align with Period 1 of an exploration licence. Therefore, the C-NLOPB's determination on the significance of adverse environmental effects of the proposed "Nexen Energy ULC Eastern Newfoundland Offshore Geophysical, Geochemical, Environmental and Geotechnical Program (2018 – 2027)" will reflect this temporal decision.

The enclosed revised Environmental Assessment Addendum Version #3 (December 2018) is being submitted to address the revised temporal scope.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 733-2100 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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