

Amendment to the Environmental Assessment of StatoilHydro Canada Ltd. Exploration & Appraisal/Delineation Drilling Program for Offshore Newfoundland, 2008-2016: 2015 Geotechnical Program (Statoil February 13, 2015)

Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board

- Some clarification is needed to understand what is being left in the Seabed. On page 10 it is stated that: “The standpipe assembly (Figure 3) will be cut as close as possible to the seafloor. No equipment will extend above or remain on the seafloor. Once the data storage unit is cut and retrieved, the remainder of the standpipe assembly (including borehole casing and the filter tip) will remain in the seabed (20 to 100 meters).” Whereas on page 18 it is stated: “Furthermore, the standpipe assemblies will be removed leaving nothing protruding above the seafloor within 6 to 12 months of their installation once data collection is complete.” Is the assembly removed or cutoff at the sea bed or removed from the seabed?
- What is proposed to remain in the sea bed after the cutting the standpipe assembly is the casing, filter tip and remnants of the flexible coupling, is this correct?
- Once the standpipe assemble is cut the bore hole will be opened to the ocean, the possible effects of the open hole are not mentioned. Are there any effects resulting from the bore holes being left open?

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- Last sentence Page 12 – Figure 4 does not depict the NAFO fishing “footprint”
- Section 4.2.3.1 page 21 - last sentence notes that”... Statoil will share results of coral surveys with interested researchers.” Please add Fisheries and Oceans Canada to the “interested researchers”.

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- We strongly suggest soliciting feedback from the larger fishing fleet as their activities may require additional communication between the proponent and the fleet for mitigation purposes.