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Dear Ms. Young:

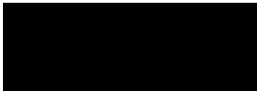
**Re: Statoil Canada Ltd. – Exploration and Appraisal/Delineation Drilling Program  
Environmental Assessment – Validation of 2008 Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling**

In response to your letter of April 11, 2017, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the report *Statoil Canada Ltd. – East Coast Operations Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area Validation of 2008 Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling Results and Effects Assessment of Accidental Events* (April, 2017).

Please be advised that ECCC is satisfied that the spill modelling is well done. Furthermore, we conclude that the revised modelling does not represent a significant increase in risk and unlikely to result in any significant changes or re-categorization in the proponent's risk assessment.

We trust that this is satisfactory. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Glenn Troke who is coordinating the Department's role in this assessment at 709-772-4087 or by e-mail at [glenn.troke@canada.ca](mailto:glenn.troke@canada.ca)

Yours truly,



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