

General Comments

There are instances of lack of diligence to ensure accuracy throughout the document. For example Table 2.1 lists wells to be drilled in “2012” and not “2013/2014”. Table 2.2 states that galley waste will be “skipped” to shore. Please review for accuracy.

In the discussion of doing Vertical Seismic Profiling the use of Fisheries Liaison Officers and Marine Mammal Observers is being pointed as a mitigation effort (table 2.2). There has been no approach or discussion to this effect with the FFAW. Further, as the proponent has expressed the wish to extend the temporal scope to March 2014 – this again has not been brought up in any consultation effort.

Specific Comments

- **Section 2.0, 1st para., line 2, pg 5** – *“The initial phase of the well will be commenced during March of 2013”*. The date of the report is April 2013 and one of the purposes of the Validation Report is to inform of activities that are “proposed” for the 2013/2014 timeframe. The details of the March 2013 activity, including the ROV survey, should also be described. Please review and update accordingly.
- **Section 2.0, 3rd para., line 5, pg 5** – *“The boundary of EL 1074R now represents the Project Area for this validation document”*. Please confirm that this boundary falls within the boundary of the Project Area delineated in the 2005 EA Report.
- **Section 2.0, Table 2.1, line 3, pg 5** – Please identify the approximate timeframe for the 2nd phase (testing activities).
- **Section 2.1.1, last bullet, pg 6** – Please identify what is meant by “timely fashion”. The timing for submission of reports should be identified.
- **Section 3.1.1, last para., last line, pg 11** – *“there is general consensus among scientific communities that Greenhouse gas emissions have played a significant role in climate change over the past 50 years”*. Please provide references.
- **Section 3.2.2.1, 1st para., pg 22** – The results of the ROV-mediated benthic survey for the Margaree A-49 well should be presented similar to Table 3.3 for the Lona O-55 survey. Also, the description of this ROV survey is confusing to the reader due to the lack of detail provided in the report on the March 2013 activity.
- **Section 3.2.4.1** - In the discussion of science surveys it is important for the FFAW that the DFO-Industry Post-Season Crab Survey also is taken into consideration.
- **Section 3.2.5.2, 1st para., last sentence, pg 29** – Please confirm that another ROV survey will be conducted at the Margaree wellsite location prior to proposed activities.