



July 12, 2013

Ms. Jennifer Wyatt  
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Dear Ms. Wyatt:

**Re: Chevron Canada Limited  
Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling Program  
Environmental Assessment Validation 2013/2014**

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The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with the Board's fishery and environmental review agencies, has reviewed the "*Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling Program Environmental Assessment: Validation 2013/2014*" (April 2013). The report is a validation of the "*Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling Program Environmental Assessment*" (LGL October 2005) and the "*Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling Program Environmental Assessment Addendum*" (LGL March 2006).

Chevron Canada Limited (Chevron) is proposing to drill the Margaree A-49 exploration well in the Orphan Basin area in 2013. The report provides an assessment of an extension to the environmental assessment temporal scope to 31 March 2014 to accommodate potential drilling activity delays and well testing activities.

The EA Validation report and Chevron's June 13, 2013 response to review comments provides a satisfactory assessment of environmental effects associated with this activity. The C-NLOPB is of the opinion that, taking into account the implementation of proposed mitigation measures committed to by Chevron, and conditions identified in the July 20, 2006 C-NLOPB Screening Report, the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 778-4232 or by e-mail at [eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca](mailto:eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by Elizabeth Young*

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