

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING
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1) If a completed Regional Assessment will obviate the need for activity specific assessments, is there a need to move the conduct of spill fate and behavior modeling to the operations authorization application process?

- Yes this seems imp. specific sites will have unique context/environment that needs specific modelling
- Env. off NFld is very dynamic - site specific assessment is important
- Imp. for DFO fisheries authorization be required for any exploration well.

2) Do you have any suggestions or comments on the list of mitigation measures and their implementation for future exploratory drilling activities in the Study Area?

- dispersants are not well known (in terms of impact), and there needs to be further discussion on effectiveness and need for the chemicals used
- There should be capping stack nearby for the growing NFld oil & gas sector
↳ Blowouts are not that rare
- Independent observers are imp.

3) Are current physical/environment monitoring programs of drilling programs, and the results obtained, transparent and accessible to facilitate continuous improvement of our understanding of the effects of oil?

- The communication of spills is lackluster thus far, eg White Rose.
- ~~We~~ need to have clear Indigenous Communications plan to keep Miqmaq participating
- lots of model ground truthing going on, ^(it seems) but not very transparent
- this information should be more disseminated

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4) Do you have any other input or recommendations that you would like to provide to the Committee on this topic?

- Increase the strength of fines for spills & unauthorized discharges
- Absolute liability in Canada is too low in event of blow out

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