

July 17, 2012

Ms. Lesa Tanner
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Dear Ms. Tanner:

Subject: *WesternGeco Canada Jeanne d'Arc Basin Seismic Program, 2012-2015
and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*

As you are aware, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (S.C. 1992, c. 37) was repealed when the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) came into force on July 6, 2012.

Please note that environmental assessment (EA) for the *WesternGeco Canada Jeanne d'Arc Basin Seismic Program, 2012-2015* is no longer required federally as a result of CEAA 2012. However, all other applicable legislative, regulatory and constitutional requirements still must be fulfilled. In particular, safety and environmental protection are priority responsibilities of the C-NLOPB pursuant to the Accord legislation, and the C-NLOPB still must consider the potential environmental effects of activities that are proposed for its authorization.

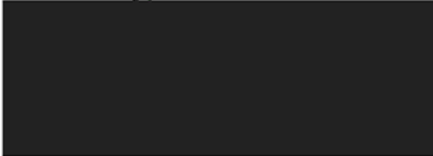
Accordingly, please be advised that the C-NLOPB will be continuing and completing environmental assessments that were ongoing pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* prior to July 6, 2012. The C-NLOPB also will continue to post EA related documents on its Web site at http://www.cnlopb.nl.ca/env_project.shtml.

The information related to the EA that was available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry can be accessed through the Canadian Environmental Assessment Archives (<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/032/index-eng.cfm>).

For further information concerning *CEAA 2012*, please refer to information on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Internet site at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Should you have any comments or questions, please contact Elizabeth Young at (709) 778-4232 or at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca

Sincerely,



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