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**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:46 PM  
**To:** Hicks, Darren  
**Cc:** Murphy, Ian; Johnson, Roger  
**Subject:** RE: Cenovus Energy West White Rose Project Drill Cuttings Amendment

Hi Darren,

We have reviewed Cenovus' EA Amendment and offer the following:

- Section 2.4 Summary of Updated Modelling, page 3 of 10 – A more detailed description of modelling results would be helpful, such as thicknesses (maximum, average) at various distance ranges from the origin, as was provided for the original drill cuttings deposition model.
- Section 3.1 Findings of the Original Environmental Assessment, page 5 of 10, paragraph 2 - The Proponent should provide a brief explanation as to why Sensitive and Special Areas and Fisheries VCs do not need to be assessed. Revision recommended.
- Section 3.2 Summary of Existing Conditions, page 5 of 10 – To assist DFO in completing a risk assessment to evaluate effects on fish and fish habitat, we would appreciate if the Proponent could provide a description of the habitat within the updated modelled dispersion area (0.1 km boundary), as well as in the vicinity. The Proponent has provided information on aquatic species (including species at risk). If there is additional information on species in the updated modelled dispersion area (0.1 km boundary), that would also be appreciated.
- Section 3.3 Assessment of Proposed Project Modifications, pages 5 of 10 to 6 of 10 – Recommend that additional justification be provided for the assessment of potential residual adverse environmental effects, especially regarding magnitude and duration. It would be useful if the Proponent described results from other EEM programs in similar environments. Additionally, if there are EEM programs with cuttings volumes that would be comparable to West White Rose, these results should also be discussed.
- Section 4.0 Mitigations / Commitments, page 7 of 10, bullet 2 – There is no active *Fisheries Act* Authorization for this project. This bullet should be removed.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Cheers,  
Anne

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