



June 7, 2012

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**Re: Husky Oil Operations Limited
White Rose Extension Project (CEAR # 12-01-68249)
Federal Coordination Regulations Section 5 Notification**

Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky), on behalf of co-venturers Suncor Energy Inc., and Nalcor Energy – Oil and Gas Inc., submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) a project description for the White Rose Extension Project (WREP). The C-NLOPB determined that the Project would require an authorization pursuant to Section 138(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and Section 134(4)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*.

The attached project description outlines two options for the proposed WREP. The Well Head Platform (WHP) will consist of a concrete gravity structure (CGS) with topsides consisting of drilling facilities, wellheads and support services such as accommodations for 120 to 130 persons, utilities, a flare boom and a helideck. The topsides will be constructed at an existing fabrication facility and is therefore not considered part of this Project. Project activities will be carried out at two locations. Construction and tow-out of a CGS will occur at Argentia, Placentia Bay. Offshore activities include the installation of the CGS, and drilling and production operations at the White Rose Field, located on the northeast Grand Banks. Construction activities will likely commence in 2013, and first oil is expected in late 2016 or 2017. Under the subsea development option, the West White Rose subsea drill centre will be developed plus up to three additional drill centres. Subsea wells will be drilled from a mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU). Both development options will be tied back to the *SeaRose* floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel.

The C-NLOPB has determined, in accordance with paragraph 3(1)(a) of the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements* (FCR), that an environmental assessment of the project under section 5 of the CEA Act is required. The C-NLOPB will act as FEAC for this assessment.

This letter seeks, pursuant to the FCR, to identify the departments or agencies that may have obligations as responsible authorities or as federal authorities for the screening level assessment of the White Rose Extension Project. A draft scoping document is attached for review and comment.

CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations - Section 5 Notification

- Pursuant to section 5 of the CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations, the C-NLOPB requests that you review the attached information and inform the C-NLOPB by **June 22, 2012** of your determination pursuant to subsection 6(1) of the CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations.
- If you determine that you are likely to require an environmental assessment of the project, please advise the C-NLOPB of any approvals or authorizations to be exercised by your department or agency.
- If you determine that you are in possession of any specialist or expert information or knowledge pursuant to paragraph 6(1)(c) of the CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations, please advise the C-NLOPB of the nature of that information or knowledge and the person to contact for assistance by **June 22, 2012**.

A "Faxback Response Form" has been provided for your convenience. If no response is received from you by the date indicated above, the C-NLOPB will assume that your department or agency has no responsibility to undertake an environmental assessment and is not in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge.

Species at Risk - Section 79(1) Notification of Competent Minister

Pursuant to Section 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*, the C-NLOPB hereby informs the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (the Competent Ministers) that the following Schedule 1 Species are likely to be in the project area under the jurisdiction of the C-NLOPB. A determination of the likelihood of adverse affects on these species will be undertaken during the screening process.

- Endangered:
 - Turtle, Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
 - Whale, Blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*)
 - Gull, Ivory (*Pagophila eburnea*)
 - Whale, North Atlantic Right (*Eubalaena glacialis*)
- Threatened:
 - Wolfish, Northern (*Anarhichas denticulatus*)
 - Wolfish, Spotted (*Anarhichas minor*)
- Special Concern:
 - Whale, Fin (*Balenoptera physalus*)
 - Wolfish, Atlantic (*Anarhichas lupus*)
 - Whale, Sowerby's Beaked (*Mesoplodon bidens*)

If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the above, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca .

Yours truly,

Original signed by Elizabeth Young

Elizabeth Young
Environmental Assessment Officer

Attachments

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**Federal Coordination Regulations
Section 6 - Record Of Determination**

Project Title: White Rose Extension Project
Location: Argentia, Placentia Bay NL & Jeanne d'Arc Basin, Grand Banks
Proponent: Husky Oil Operations Limited

FEDERAL AUTHORITY: _____
NAME & TITLE: _____
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

In accordance with the Section 6 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Federal Authority identified above, has reviewed the project description and advises you of the following:

(a) it is **likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

Trigger Proponent Funding
 Land Transfer Law List

Law List Trigger: _____

(b) it is **not likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

(c) it is **in possession** of specialist or expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment of the project

OR

(d) additional information is required to make a determination

If the answer to (d) is "yes", the Regulations require that the additional information be requested within 10 days after making the determination.

Identify the contact person for the environmental assessment, if different from above.

Name & Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____
e-mail: _____

Please return via fax, by **June 22, 2012**, to:
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, attention: Elizabeth Young
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