

File No. 1665

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Mr. Malcolm Maclean  
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Dear Mr. Maclean:

**Re: Argentia Wellhead Platform for White Rose Extension**

Your proposal has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public and government agencies, as required by *Part X Environmental Assessment* of the *Environmental Protection Act*. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for your proposed undertaking.

The EPR will have to address, at minimum, project design alternatives with regard to disposal of materials resulting from dredging and the graving site excavation, groundwater information, extent of existing contamination on site, potential effects of ocean dredging on fisheries in Placentia Bay, additional workforce/employment details and gender and diversity considerations. It is preferred that the above information be addressed in a harmonized and coordinated approach in order to fulfil the requirements of both the *Environmental Protection Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. In this regard, efforts will be made to coordinate with the C-NLOPB, as the Federal Environmental Assessment Coordinator, for the screening level environmental assessment that is to be conducted.

An environmental assessment committee will be appointed to meet with you and elaborate on the information requirements. Until that time, no authorizations or permits can be issued pursuant to any other Act or Regulation.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or Paul Carter, Environmental Scientist, at (709) 729-0188 or email [pcarter@gov.nl.ca](mailto:pcarter@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**TOM HEDDERSON, MHA**  
**Harbour Main District**  
**Minister**

cc Mr. Mike Atkinson, Regional Director  
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