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Ms. Elizabeth Young, Environmental Assessment Officer  
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Dear Ms. Young:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the report entitled "Husky Energy White Rose Extension Project Environmental Assessment" dated December 2012 and authored by Stantec Consulting Limited. DND provided comments on the project on 20 June 2012; however, the comments have not been represented in the EA report. DND requests the comments, as noted on the attachment, be added to the report.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carol Lee Giffin  
Formation Safety and Environmental Officer  
for Commander

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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: **Department of National Defence**  
NAME & TITLE: **Carol Lee Girip, Formation Safety and Environment Officer**  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 20 Jun 2012

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

1. DND is likely to be operating in the vicinity of the study area in a non-interference manner during the project timeframe.

2. A search of the UXO records was conducted to determine the possible presence of UXO within the Proponent's survey area.

Our records indicate there are two wrecks present within the survey area. There are two sunken U-Boats dating from 1942. The approximate locations of the U-Boats are 47.78N, 49.83E and 50.00N, 46.53E. Due to the limits of technology at the time of the sinking, the location information is considered inaccurate.

Given our understanding of the survey activities to be conducted, the associated UXO risk is assessed as negligible. Nonetheless, due to the inherent dangers associated with UXO and the fact that the Atlantic Ocean was exposed to many naval engagements during WWII, should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the Proponent's operations, it should not be disturbed/manipulated. The Proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2012 Annual Edition - Notices to Mariners, Section F, No.37.

During activities which may have contact with the seabed (such as drilling or mooring), it is strongly advised that operational aids, such as remote operated vehicles, be used to conduct a seabed survey to prevent unintentional contact with harmful UXO items that may have gone unreported or undetected.

Further UXO general information is available at our website at \*www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please return via fax, by **June 22, 2012** to:  
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