



December 18, 2012

Mr. Don Williams  
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Dear Mr. Williams

**Re: Husky Oil Operations Ltd. White Rose Extension Project, CEAR # 12-01-68249  
Environmental Assessment**

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On July 6, 2012, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (S.C. 1992, c. 37) (CEAA) was repealed when the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* came into force. As we indicated in our July 12, 2012 letter to Mr. Malcolm Maclean, the Minister of the Environment designated the environmental assessment (EA) of this project to continue under the former *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

On October 30, 2012, Husky Energy (Husky) were informed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation (NLDEC) that the project activities associated with the Argentia Peninsula and Placentia Bay portion of the project were subject to an Environmental Preview Report (EPR).

In order to fulfil the requirements of both the *Environmental Protection Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, an agreement was reached between the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), as the CEAA Federal Environmental Assessment Coordinator and the NLDEC that a single harmonized environmental assessment process could accommodate the information and review process requirements of both the CEAA and the Province.

Based on the information presented in the “*White Rose Extension Project – Project Description*” (Husky Energy May 2012), the C-NLOPB, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Environment Canada (EC), Transport Canada (TC) and the NLDEC have determined the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the EA report. Please note, as stated on page 4 of the Scoping Document,

***The C-NLOPB, DFO, EC, and TC, as Responsible Authorities (RAs), intend that the environmental assessment report and any supporting documents, as may be necessary, will fulfill the requirements for a Screening under the CEAA. The RAs therefore, pursuant to Section 17(1) of the CEAA (S.C. 1992, c. 37), formally delegate the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable Screening environmental assessment to Husky Oil Operations Limited, the project Proponent. The RAs will prepare the Screening Report, which will include the determination of significance.***

During the review of the draft Scoping Document, regulatory agencies provided review comments. These comments are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report.

If you have any questions regarding the CEAA environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project or the attached comments, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at [eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca](mailto:eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

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