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## J.I. England



Subject- The Proposed oil drilling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

## Dear Board of Directors:

I write as a very concerned citizen of a small island province whose residence livelihood depends on tourism, fishing and agriculture.

An oil drilling accident in the confined waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence would devastate my home province. Our main industry depends on our ability to attract tourists to our North Shore beaches and unique sand dunes, much of which is comprised of one of Canada's National Parks. An oily beach and damage to endangered species that nest there could never be replaced by any amount of money or time.

Our second industry is fishing, already under stress we are told due, much in part to global warming and pollution from vehicle exhaust oil byproducts, and manufacturing.

Our third industry, agriculture, already threatened by global warming, and changing weather patterns could not provide residences of Prince Edward Island with a sustained livelihood. N oil spill would destroy our province.

Canada is a wealthy country. To continue to pull out the earth's resources to depletion merely to make more money cannot be sustained by nature. The depletion will destroy the country.

The waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence surround not only Prince Edward Island. A drilling accident would affect the shores and fishing industry of four other provinces. Surely that is too risky to even contemplate.

I implore you not to approve any form of oil drilling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Sincerely, Joyce England



