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Dear Mr. Wells:

Re: Western Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area-Strategic Environmental Assessment

I received with interest your letter regarding the strategic environmental assessments planned for portions of the western Newfoundland offshore area.

Please be advised that in Nova Scotia all consultation matters are handled through the Kwilmu'kw Maw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) in Truro, Nova Scotia. Although we appreciate your letter of invitation, with the greatest of respect, consultation with the Mi'kmaw is a legal duty and a unique process that cannot be satisfied through a public hearing of four hours in duration. We hope to achieve meaningful consultation through ongoing dialogue.

I understand from discussions with Twila Gaudet, Consultation Liaison with KMKNO that you will be receiving submissions on behalf of all 13 Mi'kmaq bands in Nova Scotia shortly.

I thank you in advance for your interest and your willingness to engage our perspective.



Bob Gloade
Chief of the Millbrook First Nation

cc: Elizabeth Young

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