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**Subject:** oil spill study

Mr. Scott Tessier  
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Dear Mr. Tessier,  
I am writing to comment on the recent SEA (2013).

I live on Big Island on the Northumberland Strait. I swim in the Strait almost daily during the summer months. I love living on the Strait and I know it would be a tragedy should there ever be an oil spill.

I have great reservations about the offshore development proposed by the Petroleum Board at Old Harry and in western Newfoundland, especially in light of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait's tides, currents and the extreme windy conditions.

I have no confidence that it would be possible to clean up an oil spill under these circumstances. How would one ever clean up an oil spill under the winter ice?

Therefore, I am requesting the CNLOPB conduct an oil spill response gap study similar to the study in the Arctic.

Thank you for your time, consideration and anticipated positive response.

Sincerely,  
Karen O'Hara



Cc: Peter MacKay,MP