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Subject: NRCAN response – Comments on Draft Regional Assessment Report - Offshore Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling East of Newfoundland and Labrador

On January 23, 2020 Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) received a request from the Regional Assessment Committee (the Committee) to review the *Draft Regional Assessment Report for Offshore Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling East of Newfoundland and Labrador*.

NRCAN's staff have reviewed the information in the draft report related to the expertise NRCAN provided during the course of the Regional Assessment, specifically marine geohazards, oil spill behaviour, emissions from storage and flaring of hydrocarbons.

In general, the Committee has appropriately characterized NRCAN's participation and review for this project. Clarification of NRCAN's views on oil spill behaviour are listed in the attached disposition table.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 343-292-7742 or at maximilien.genest@canada.ca

Sincerely,

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