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**Subject: NRCan Review – EIS – BHP Canada Exploration Drilling Project**

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On March 5, 2020 Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) received a request from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) to review the Proponent's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the BHP Canada Exploration Drilling Project. NRCan has reviewed and provided comments (see attachment 1) on the information in the EIS relevant to our areas of expertise, which for this project are in marine geohazards and oil spill behaviour. In addition, NRCan provides a list of references to be used by the Proponent on geohazards and the geology of the area. Unfortunately, NRCan cannot currently provide expertise in emissions from the storage and flaring of hydrocarbons. NRCan is happy to discuss this further with the Agency if needed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [Maximilien.Genest@Canada.ca](mailto:Maximilien.Genest@Canada.ca) or by phone at 613-447-2597.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1 - NRCan's Technical Comments – EIS – BHP Canada Exploration Drilling – Annex 1-4