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Subject: NRCan response – Request for Technical Review of the Central Ridge Exploration Drilling Project's (the Project) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

On January 22, 2020 Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) received a request from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (The Agency) to review the *Environmental Impact Statement* for the *Central Ridge Exploration Drilling Project*.

NRCan has reviewed the information in the EIS relevant to our areas of expertise, which for this project are in marine geohazards, oil spill behaviour, and emissions from the storage and flaring of hydrocarbons

NRCan is satisfied with the information provided in the EIS and does not have Information Requests (IRs) for the Proponent. That being said, NRCan does provide suggested recommendations to be included in the EA Report by the Agency, which can be found in the attached table. NRCan does not have any recommendations directed towards the Proponent.

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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