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Mr. Phil Zamora
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Bedford Institute of Oceanography
1 Challenger Drive
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Zamora:

Re: Comments on BEPCo. Addendum

Thank you for your Department's comments, dated November 26, 2004, on the Addendum to BEPCo's environment assessment. I am writing specifically to the comments provided on the Haddock Box.

Please provide a summary of all readily available information on the following:

- All life history stages of Eastern Scotian Shelf haddock within the special area known as the Haddock Box.
- Any biological or ecological characteristics of Eastern Scotian Shelf haddock that may make it vulnerable to impacts from exploration drilling projects.

This information will be used to discuss whether potential impacts of BEPCo's project within the predicted zone of influence will affect the Haddock Box as a whole. If possible, I would appreciate receiving the information by the end of the week as I am preparing the CSR for the project.

Best regards,

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Advisor, Environmental Affairs

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