



2010 WORK PLAN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

CANADA-NOVA SCOTIA OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD

AND

ENVIRONMENT CANADA

AND

FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Environment Canada (EC), and the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) will collaborate on the following projects with the objective of enhancing current mechanisms and practices for delivering environmental protection and conservation measures in the Nova Scotia offshore environment. The Work Plan does not preclude DFO, EC and the CNSOPB from working on other priority issues or projects, which may be identified during the course of the 2010 calendar year.

Project 1 – Joint Priority Setting and Planning

Project Description:

The CNSOPB, DFO and EC all have legislative and regulatory responsibilities related to petroleum activities offshore Nova Scotia. As such, it is desirable that the agencies develop a set of agreed-to areas of collaborative work and develop strategies to ensure resources are available to carry out this work.

To achieve this outcome, the three parties have agreed to meet as required, and at least annually, to discuss and plan for anticipated workloads and to identify priorities. These meetings will be led by the Implementation Committee Chair.

Deliverables:

- Discussions of issues/areas requiring collaborative work, and an estimate of associated workloads.

Project 3 - Environmental Effects Monitoring

Project Description:

The CNSOPB, EC and DFO have developed the *Environmental Effects Monitoring Coordination Framework* (April 2005) to assist in coordinating a review of new EEM programs and the results of completed or ongoing programs. ExxonMobil's SOEP EEM Program is an ongoing activity that the CNSOPB, EC and DFO review annually, following the Framework. The Deep Panuke Development Project EEM Program review began in 2009 and will continue into 2010.

Deliverables:

- Ongoing review of EEM programs and results on an as-needed basis, following the *Environmental Effects Monitoring Coordination Framework* developed by the CNSOPB, DFO and EC.

Timing: December 2010

Project Team Leader: Elizabeth MacDonald (CNSOPB)

Project Team Resources: Sue Ellen Maher (EC)
Kristian Curran and Ross Alexander (DFO)

Project 4 – Ongoing Activities

Project Description:

There are several ongoing activities that the CNSOPB, EC and DFO collaborate on regularly. The deliverables of Project 3 are each of the following ongoing projects, which will require collaborative work in 2010 and in years to follow.

Deliverables:

- EC and the CNSOPB will endeavor to undertake joint compliance verification activities each year, including monitoring and audits, under their respective mandates.
- Exchange of information between EC and the CNSOPB regarding response to offshore spills.
- The CNSOPB will continue to participate in SARA recovery strategy discussions and recovery planning teams initiated by DFO and Environment Canada.

Project Team Leaders: Odette Murphy and Roland Cormier (DFO), Kevin Davidson (EC)

Project Team Resources: Elizabeth MacDonald (CNSOPB)
Glen Herbert and Ross Alexander (DFO), Derek Fenton (EC)

Project 6 – Air Emissions

Project Description:

Ambient concentrations of a number of air pollutants are being measured on Sable Island and analyzed along with Thebaud Flare observations and meteorological data, to try to determine the potential sources of increased air pollution concentrations on the Island.

Deliverables:

- Ongoing collection, sharing and analysis of data.

Timing: Ongoing

Project Team Leader: Michael Hingston (EC)

Project Team Resources: Elizabeth MacDonald (CNSOPB)

Project 7 – Ocean Disposal

Project Description:

This project will examine Disposal at Sea regulatory requirements as they relate to activities undertaken by the offshore oil and gas industry.

Deliverables:

- Following completion of the internal review of a 2008 study which examined the applicability of the Disposal at Sea requirements, EC will initiate discussions with the CNSOPB on the development of a guidance document.

Timing: June 30, 2010

Project Team Leader: Jeffrey Corkum (EC)

Project Team Resources: Eric Theriault (CNSOPB)

Approvals:

Whereas the parties have signed this MOU on the dates indicated below.

for: **Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board**



Mr. Stuart Pinks
Chief Executive Officer

March 2, 2010
Date

for: **Environment Canada**



Mr. Daniel Lebel
Regional Director General (Atlantic)

March 2nd 2010
Date



Mr. I.R. Geoffrey Mercer
Regional Director, Environmental Protection
Operations Directorate, Atlantic

2 March 2010
Date

for: **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**



Mr. Serge Thériault
Regional Director General (Gulf Region)

March 2, 2010
Date

and


Ms. Faith Scattolon
Regional Director General (Maritimes Region)

March 2, 2010
Date