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Ms. Donna Morykot
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Dear Ms. Morykot,

On August 28, 2006, EnCana's Project Description for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project was received by CNSOPB. As the lead RA for the project, this document was distributed to Federal Authorities, as per the CEAA Federal Coordination process, as well as the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour (NSDEL).

Please note that NSDEL requirements for a provincial environmental assessment for the Deep Panuke project are based on whether the project involves either of the following onshore activities:

1. An onshore pipeline 5 km or more in length, excluding a pipeline of any length carrying natural gas with a maximum operating pressure below 500 psig (3450 kPa), water, steam or domestic wastewater.
2. An enterprise, activity, project or structure or work which disrupts 2 ha or more of any wetland.

Following review of the project description, the NSDEL was unable to determine whether they will be a regulatory authority for the project. Please provide information on the onshore pipeline length and pressure, and any potential impacts to wetlands as a result of this project, so that they may make their determination.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric Therfault
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cc. F. Helen MacPhail, NSDEL