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Re: CEAA Review of EnCana Corporation's Project Description for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project

The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) has received a project description from EnCana Corporation for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project. The project is a modified version of a gas development project that was previously assessed.

New potential environmental effects that were not previously assessed have been introduced in the project description, and federal approvals that are named in the Law List Regulations of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act) are likely. Therefore, the CNSOPB has concluded that this project triggers a new review under the CEA Act. The project description provided by the proponent is enclosed.

The CNSOPB has declared itself a Responsible Authority (RA) for the project under Section 5 of the CEA Act, and has determined that the proposed project will require a Comprehensive Study level of assessment.

As required by Section 5 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, the CNSOPB is requesting that you advise of your determination with respect to this project by completing the attached "Record of Determination" form and returning it to this office by fax, by **September 5th, 2006**.

Sincerely,

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