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September 5, 2006

Beth Vardy
Canada – Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board
6th Floor, TD Centre
1791 Barrington Street
Halifax, NS
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Dear Ms. Vardy:

RE:	Federal Coordination Determination Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development, NS	EAS# 2005-295
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As requested, Environment Canada (EC) has considered the project description forwarded to our office on August 28th. Based on the information provided, it appears that a permit may be required under the disposal at sea provisions of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*. As you are likely aware, meetings are being scheduled with CNSOPB and the proponent to review those project details that could involve disposal at sea activities.

Unless it can be confirmed with a reasonable degree of certainty that the need for a disposal at sea permit is unlikely, EC will participate in the necessary environmental assessment as a Responsible Authority. The attached response form to the Federal Coordination Regulations notification reflects this determination which can be re-evaluated once further information is available.

EC looks forward to working with CNSOPB, and the other Responsible Authorities, in advancing the environmental assessment of this project. In the interim, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 902-426-1703.

Yours truly,

Original signed by Jayne Roma

Jayne Roma
Environmental Assessment Section
Environmental Protection Operations Directorate (Atlantic)

Attachment

cc B. Jeffrey
K. Tay
MT Grant
D. MacDonald (CEA Agency)

Environment Canada Section 6 Response

Project Title:

Location/Province:

Proponent:

Notification Date:

EAS #

In accordance with the Federal Coordination Regulations (Section 6), under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA), Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the project description, and wishes to advise you of the following:

EC is likely to be a Responsible Authority (RA), and thus require an environmental assessment under Section 5 of CEAA.

Trigger Type: Proponent Land Transfer
 Funding Law List

Law List Item:

OR

EC is NOT likely to be a Responsible Authority (RA).

OR

Additional information (below) is required to determine if EC is likely to be an RA.

EC is in possession of expert and specialist information that is necessary to conduct an environmental assessment of this project.

Original signed by Jayne Roma

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September 5, 2006

Reviewer, Environment Canada (Atlantic Region)

Telephone

Date