

Scope for Deep Panuke EA Revised

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Halifax, NS - The Scoping Document for the environmental assessment of the Deep Panuke offshore gas project has been revised to reflect changes in the project description.

The scope outlines what the project proponent, PanCanadian Energy, must address in a comprehensive study of the Deep Panuke project. The Scoping Document is the blueprint for the environmental assessment and provides direction to the proponent on the topics to be covered in the comprehensive study report.

The preparation of a comprehensive study report for the Deep Panuke project is a requirement under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. The Canada - Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, the National Energy Board, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Industry Canada and Environment Canada are all identified as Responsible Authorities under the Act for this project. These departments are responsible for ensuring a comprehensive study report is completed. The Province of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Environment and Labour, is responsible for environmental assessment under the Nova Scotia Environment Act.

The Scoping Document was revised by the parties after PanCanadian Energy made a number of changes in the original project description including:

- The existing Panuke jacket, which was part of the Cohasset-Panuke oil development, will not be used for Deep Panuke;
- A seawater scrubber will not be used to dispose of acid gas removed from Deep Panuke gas offshore, but instead the acid gas will be re-injected into a disposal well;
- The condensate produced with Deep Panuke gas will be used for power generation on the production platform, which negates the need for a dedicated sub-sea condensate pipeline between the production platform and landfall.

The next opportunity for public input in the environmental assessment process will occur when a draft comprehensive study report is prepared and submitted by the proponent. The public will also be given an opportunity to provide comments on the final report when it is completed by the proponent and submitted to the federal Minister of Environment.

All documents pertaining to the environmental assessment of the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Project can be accessed through the Public Registry, which is available online at www.cnsopb.ns.ca or at satellite locations around the province.

Those locations are:

- Canso Branch Library, 18 School Street, Canso, NS
- Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS
- Cyril Ward Memorial Library, 27 Pleasant Street, Guysborough, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, 1568 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour, 219 Main Street, Suite 205, Antigonish, NS
- Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS
- PanCanadian Energy, Deep Panuke Project Office, 5161 George Street, 7th Floor, Royal Centre, Halifax, NS
- Port Hawkesbury Branch Library, 304 Pitt Street, Unit 1, Port Hawkesbury, NS
- Sherbrooke Branch Library, 11 Main Street, Sherbrooke, NS.

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