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Project Working Group Response to the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers' (CAPP) Comments on the Draft Goal Oriented *Drilling and Production Regulations* (DP Regs)

Dear Mr. Barnes and Mr. Masterson:

On behalf of the DP Regs Project Working Group (PWG) and Fred Allen, Co-Chair of the Frontier and Offshore Regulatory Renewal Initiative (FORRI), I would like to again thank CAPP and its member companies for the thoughtful and detailed comments on the draft *Drilling and Production Regulations* (DP Regs).

The PWG has considered CAPP's comments and is pleased to provide the attached reply. A right hand column has been added to your table provided on 17 August 2007 in which the PWG provides a reply to each of CAPP's comments. While the result is quite large, it is helpful to see the compilation of comments and replies in one document.

The next step in the development of the draft regulations is the editing stage. During editing, wording and language are checked and consistency between the three versions of the draft regulations ensured. As such, revisions to the document will continue to occur. An opportunity for further comment is provided when regulations are published in the Canada Gazette Part 1.

While this is occurring and over the coming months, Board staff will continue to work on guidance materials and look forward to discussions with CAPP and its member companies about these documents.

In closing, the FORRI Steering Committee and the PWG would like to again thank you for facilitating the input of comments on the draft regulations and for supporting the helpful meetings that were held with your members this past summer.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Landry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

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