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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

Your File Number: Ad-GA-ActsLeg-Fed-COGOA-DPR-01
Consultation Process for the Draft Drilling and Production Regulations Project

Further to correspondence respecting the National Energy Board's Frontier and Offshore Regulatory Review Initiative, dated February 14, 2008, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed consequential amendments to *Installations Regulations* and the *Certificate of Fitness Regulations*.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reviewed the proposed consequential amendments. It is understood that these amendments are technical in nature and required by changes to the *Drilling and Production Regulations*. As such, the GNWT offers no specific comments this time, and remains generally supportive of amendments in so far as they remain consistent with the approach of modernizing the Canadian-frontier and off-shore oil and gas regulatory regimes in a manner that ensures the safe use of innovative new technologies, and is environmentally sensitive, while allowing Canada to compete internationally.

The GNWT appreciates the opportunity to receive consultation drafts of legislation. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. David Hastings, Senior Advisor, Legislation and Legal Affairs with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment. Mr. Hastings can be reached at your convenience at (867) 920-6392 or at david_hastings@gov.nt.ca.

I thank you again for the opportunity to review these draft Regulations.

Sincerely,

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