

Dear Dr. Gosine:

The west coast of Newfoundland is my home and oil companies have no right to come into my home and inflict harm on my environment, my health and my community. Since Shoal Point Energy started issuing press releases about their intention to use hydraulic fracking in our bay, my community has felt threatened by the oil industry. When Black Spruce Exploration took over the drilling rights from Shoal Point Energy, I was even more concerned. David Murray, the CEO of Black Spruce Exploration, was regularly in the media stating that his company had two oil rigs all ready to go, waiting to be dispatched from Texas, and the rigs were expected to arrive in western NL in the spring of 2014. Mr. Murray consistently said they would have to frack in order to extract the oil from the Green Point Shale. This was very disturbing to our entire community. Shoal Point is a narrow strip of land projecting out into Port au Port Bay and it is one of the proposed drilling sites. The exploratory well site is just 5 kilometres across the bay from my home. When they last drilled there in 2010, I could look out and see the flare stack burning off gas. Seeing that flare stack so close to my home was extremely stressful.

My daughters ancestors have fished and farmed here for over 150 years and each generation has been good stewards of the land and the sea. I want to preserve the land and the sea in the same way as my daughters ancestors did.

The NEB has committed to environmental accountability (see reference below).

As well, it has come to my attention via Jessica Ernst who would be happy to consult in this situation I'm sure, that real time methane ethane is currently being developed to produce through the use of bacteria. There would be no need to ruin Mother Nature for a finite resource when one that would be ongoing could be obtained.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter for our future generations,

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CALGARY - The National Energy Board (NEB or the Board) today released its Filing Requirements for Onshore Drilling Operations Involving Hydraulic Fracturing. These Filing Requirements address the unique aspects of hydraulic fracturing within the NEB's mandate under the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act(COGOA) to promote safety, environmental protection, and the conservation of oil and gas resources for onshore drilling and production in the North. Regulated companies are required to begin following these Filing Requirements immediately when applying for any operations authorization drilling involving hydraulic fracturing.

The Board has undertaken extensive engagement in the North on its regulation of hydraulic fracturing. This included meeting with communities, land claim organizations, elders, youth, legislators, federal and territorial government departments and regulated companies. The Filing Requirements seek to address specific concerns that were heard as a part of this engagement.

“The Board has heard the concerns of Canadians and is committed to continually improving the safety of hydraulic fracturing in Canada,” said Gaétan Caron, the NEB’s Chair and CEO. “One of the ways the Board does this is by clearly communicating what it requires of regulated companies for hydraulic fracturing and holding those companies accountable.”

The Board does not view these requirements to be static. The Filing Requirements will be updated periodically to reflect any relevant changes around the practice of hydraulic fracturing so that Board decisions on COGOA-regulated activities continue to promote safety, protection of the environment and conservation of oil and gas resources in the North.

The National Energy Board is an independent federal regulator of several parts of Canada's energy industry with the safety of Canadians and protection of the environment as its top priority. Its purpose is to regulate pipelines, energy development and trade in the Canadian public interest. For more information on the NEB and its mandate, please visit

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