

Summary sheet for presentation to be given by Environment Canada for the Public Hearing of EA0506-005 and EA0506-006, April 3-4, 2007

ENVIRONMENT CANADA - MANDATE, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mandate

- The *Department of the Environment Act* provides Environment Canada with general responsibility for environmental management and protection
- The Department's obligations extend to and include matters related to:
 - Preservation and enhancement of the quality of the natural environment including water, air, and soil
 - Renewable resources including migratory birds and other wild flora and fauna
 - Meteorology

Roles and Responsibilities

Sustainable Development

- Environment Canada views the environmental assessment process as an important part of sustainable development.
- EA process provides an opportunity to consider what the environmental impacts could be for any proposed development

Legislation Administered by Environment Canada

- *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA 1999)*
- *Fisheries Act - Pollution Prevention Provisions, Section 36(3)*
- *Canada Water Act*
- *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) & Migratory Birds Regulations (MBR's)*
- *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*
- *Canada Wildlife Act*
- *Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Inter-provincial Trade Act*

Legislation relative to EA0506-005 and EA0506-006

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- *Fisheries Act - Pollution Prevention Provisions, Section 36(3)*
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Issues identified by Environment Canada relative to EA0506-005 and EA0506-006

- Safe transport, storage, disposal of fuel and/or hazardous material
- Appropriate sump siting
- Disposal of drill waste
- On-ice storage
- Non-winter activities coinciding with migratory birds
- Winter ice road decommissioning - if over land
- Demobilization of on-site camp
- Species at risk

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