



Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Dear EIRB:

Thank you for your recent determination of party status for the public review of the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program. WWF welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this important review.

Your letter mentions that the Board has initiated early work in order to determine a worst case scenario, as required by the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. We trust the Board is aware that both WWF and Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd (IORVL) independently commissioned oil spill trajectory modeling from RPS Applied Sciences Associates, a world leader in modeling the transport, fate and biological effects of oil in marine environments. The full results of the WWF-commissioned modeling are available at [panda.org/arctic/spillreport](http://panda.org/arctic/spillreport). We hope the report might assist the board in its determination of a worst case scenario for the proposed project. One notable limitation I should point out is that the report does not consider the scenario in which a blowout cannot be curbed before the onset of winter. The same season relief well capacity requirement is intended to prevent such a scenario.

We understand that no participant funding is currently available for the review of IORVL's project. Although an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project may not be necessary if the NEB rejects IORVL's application for an exemption, we are concerned that the EIRB review could be incomplete if concerned parties cannot participate fully. We hope the lack of participant funding can be resolved before it impairs the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Powell".

Robert Powell, Lead Specialist: Priority Conservation



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