Dear Mr. Pierce,

We thought you would be interested in recommendations submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to the National Energy Board (NEB) on issues to be considered in the Board's review of well control proposals from Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (IORVL) and Chevron Canada Limited. Our comments urge the NEB to consider some of the serious issues associated with a potential departure from its Same Season Relief Well policy in the event of a deep water well blowout.

Because the Environmental Impact Review Board is in the midst of considering a proposal from IORVL that will rely on the NEB's eventual findings, we wanted to ensure that you were notified regarding NRDC's current concerns. Our letter is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Danielle Droitsch. Our contact information is:

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