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Revisions to the Environmental Assessment Screening Report for Nuclear Submarine Dismantling

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Project Description

DFAIT is pleased to provide notification of Environmental Assessment which is currently being conducted for a revision to the project to dismantle twelve retired Russian nuclear submarines in North West Russia.

The original Environmental Assessment was carried out in 2004. Based on the original proposal for the dismantling project, all 12 nuclear submarines to be dismantled at the Zvezdochka shipyard are of Victor-I or Victor-III Class. Now it has been proposed that the last of the 12 submarines to be dismantled be of a Sierra-I Class. This submarine differs from a Victor Class in being powered by a single third generation nuclear reactor and being constructed of titanium. Some of the submarine-cutting and dismantling technologies therefore will be modified to ensure fire safety during titanium cutting.

A revised assessment is due for completion by January 31, 2007. Interested persons are invited to submit their comments via the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry, which may be accessed at the following URL: <u>www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca</u>.