



**CANADA – NOVA SCOTIA
OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD**

BEPCo EXPLORATORY DRILLING PROGRAM

The Canada – Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (the Board) has received a project description from BEPCo Canada to conduct an exploratory drilling program on its Exploration Licence 2407. These wells are proposed to be drilled outside a previously assessed area and the federal Minister of Environment has determined the environmental assessment will be reviewed through the Comprehensive Study process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Board has released a copy of the Environmental Assessment for written public comments. The deadline for submissions is **noon on September 10th, 2004**.

Copies of the Project Description and Environmental Assessment are available on the Board's website at www.cnsopb.ns.ca, in the Public Registry under the Environment section, or by contacting the Board's office:

CNSOPB,
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1791 Barrington Street,
Halifax, NS B3J 3K9
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Written comments can be mailed to the above address, faxed to 902-422-1799, or e-mailed to postmaster@cnsopb.ns.ca before noon on September 10th, 2004.