

**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 will be reviewed through the Comprehensive Study process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The first step of this process is the issuance of a Scoping Document which provides guidance to what must be included in the Environmental Assessment. The Board has released a copy of the Scoping Document for written public comments. The deadline for submissions is **noon on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**.

Copies of the Project Description and Scoping Document are available on the Board's website at [www.cnsopb.ns.ca](http://www.cnsopb.ns.ca), under Public Registry, or by contacting the Board's office:

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Following finalization of the Scoping Document, the Minister of Environment will determine if the review process will be a comprehensive study or panel review. An announcement will be made at that time providing information on the process for further opportunity for public input on the environmental assessment.