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Captain Gordon Houston Chair, Tanker Safety Expert Panel Transport Canada 330 Sparks Street (AAM) Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

## Dear Captain Houston:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on Phase II of the Tanker Safety Expert Panel's review, regarding ship-source spill preparedness and response requirements in the Arctic, as well as national requirements for a hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) system.

Please find attached responses to your lines of inquiry on behalf of my colleague, Deputy Minister Paul Evans, and myself, reflecting input from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Transportation, respectively.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Panel and the federal government in promoting the safe, efficient and environmentally-responsible movement of people and goods across all modes of transportation.

Sincerely,

Carol Layton
Deputy Minister

Attachment.

c. Paul Evans, Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of the Environment Lynn Betzner, Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs