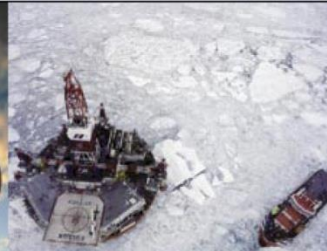




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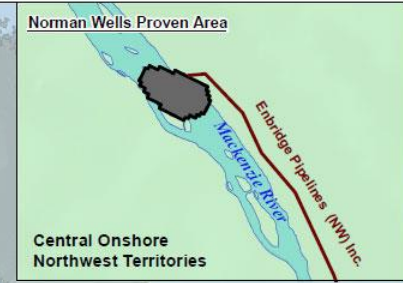
The Role of the NEB

- Regulate Oil and Gas Activities in Frontier Areas under the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*
- Mandate is to promote the safety of Canadians and protection of the environment
- Quasi-judicial tribunal that operates at arms length from government



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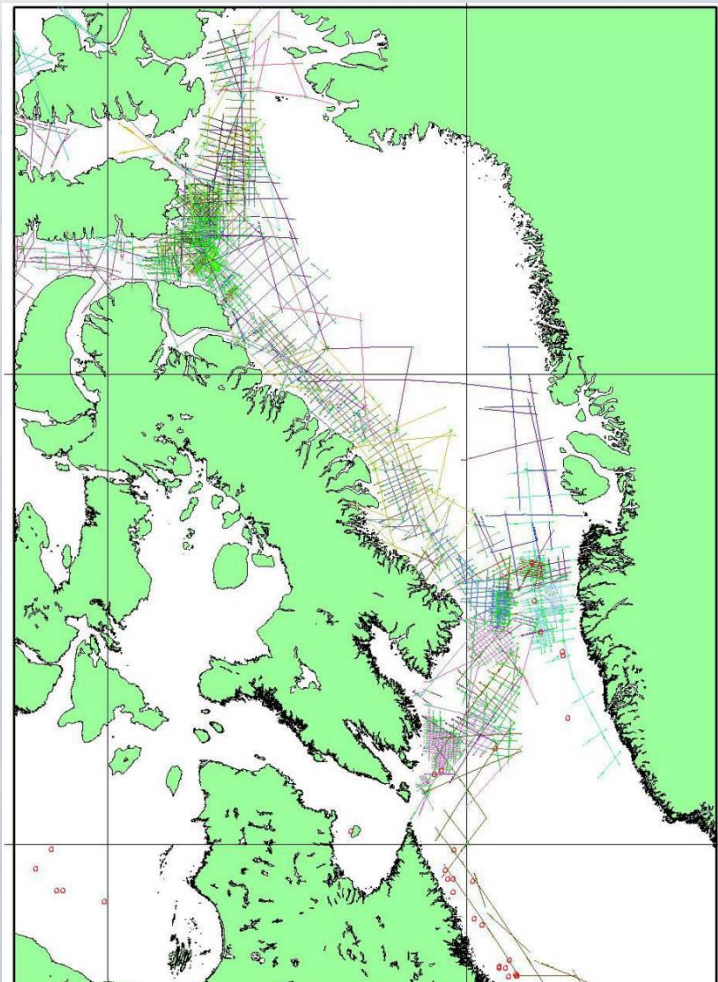


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Status of the MKI Project

- GOA issued 26 June 2014
- Application for a Judicial Review filed 28 July 2014
- NEB granted status as an intervener for the purpose of explaining the procedure it followed in reaching the GOA decision
- Review is expected to be heard in the Federal Court of Appeal spring 2015



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What will happen next...

If the NEB approval is upheld following the Judicial Review:

- a. In the summer of 2015 the company seismic ship will set sail for Baffin Bay along with a small support vessel
- b. Seismic data can only be collected during the ice free season (approximately July – November)
- c. The company ship will collect seismic data 24 hours a day until the end of the ice free season
- d. The company ships set sail for home or its next job and return the following year during the ice free season if weather conditions permit



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What does a Seismic Ship look like?





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Compliance Verification

- NEB is responsible for ensuring companies comply with:
 - the terms and conditions of the approval
 - applicable legislation such as the *Canada Oil and Gas Geophysical Operations Regulations*



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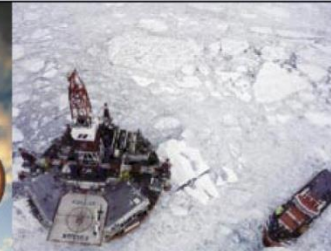
NEB Compliance Verification of Seismic

- Ship safety inspections
- Monitoring – weekly reports
- Reviewing company reports and documents required by the regulations and conditions of the approval



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Some Examples of NEB Conditions

- Examples of conditions that could be attached to a GOA include providing information to the public such as:
 - environmental commitments tracking tables
 - Marine Mammal Observer reports
 - community meeting minutes



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Feedback Requested

- Prior to any possible start to the MKI seismic activities, the NEB is planning to hold community meetings to discuss the NEB's compliance process.
- Meetings could be held in communities before the commencement of the MKI program in the summer 2015.
- The NEB is seeking input with regard to the above approach.



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Questions?



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