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Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry Recommendations Complete

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The Honourable Robert Wells, Q.C., Inquiry Commissioner will deliver his recommendations from Phase I of the Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry to the [Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board \(C-NLOPB\)](#) today in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. The delivery of these recommendations come at the conclusion of Phase I of the Inquiry, which included input from the public concerning practices to reduce the safety risk of helicopter transportation in the offshore area.

The recommendations within the Commissioner's report fall within the mandate of the Inquiry, which comprises among other things: Safety plan requirements for companies operating in the offshore area and the role that these companies play to ensure their safety plans are maintained by helicopter operators; Search and rescue obligations of helicopter operators required by contract or legislative or regulatory requirements; and, the role of the C-NLOPB and other regulators to ensure companies comply with legislative requirements for worker safety. The complete mandate of the Commission can be found on the Inquiry website www.oshsi.nl.ca.

The Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry was established on April 8, 2009, by the C-NLOPB as the Inquiry into Matters Respecting Helicopter Passenger Safety for Workers in the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area. The mandate of the Inquiry does not include an investigation into the cause of the crash of the Cougar Helicopter Sikorsky S92-A as the investigation is the responsibility of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. In addition, the Commission's mandate does not include an examination of the provision by the Government of Canada (Department of National Defence) of Search and Rescue facilities for all marine incidents and the location of such facilities within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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