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Advisory

Charge Laid for November 21st Terra Nova Oil Spill

A charge against Petro-Canada, as the operator of the Terra Nova FPSO, has been laid by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) today. This charge is a result of an alleged spill of crude oil during the early morning hours of November 21, 2004, in violation of section 161(1) of the Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act. The alleged spill occurred at the Terra Nova field, some 350 kilometers east southeast of St. John's, NL.

The charge against Petro-Canada is the result of a detailed investigation by C-NLOPB officers into the alleged spill. Now that charges have been laid, the matter has been handed over to federal Crown Prosecutors.

The C-NLOPB mission, as laid out in the Accord Implementation Acts, is to represent the public interest in the exploration development and production of hydrocarbon resources in the Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Area. This includes implementing and enforcing provisions of the Accord Act and regulations made under them, particularly in terms of safety, environmental protection, resource management and industrial benefits.

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