

To the Editor,

Concerning the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) calling for bids for offshore oil exploration in an ad which appeared in our newspaper recently:

No, No, No!!! The environment screams, "No!" The lucrative and sustainable fisheries and tourism industries of Nova Scotia, being put at unjustifiable risk, scream, "No!" And common sense screams, "No!" The very last thing our planet needs for it (and us) to survive is more oil to burn.

I'll admit that fossil fuel has been a wonder product, but so was Thalidomide in its day. When the damage is massive and irrefutable, denial is no longer an option. So do we love our children or not? If we do, then the time to do something about it is right now. Say no to oil and gas exploration and exploitation off our shores. Our government is not even insisting that a capping stack be present on sight in case of a spill, but since our government has chosen to spend millions of our tax dollars on pipelines rather than renewable energy, I think that tells us something about its priorities.

Please visit www.callforbids.ca for guidelines on submitting written comments to the CNSOPB, and let them know what you think. I doubt they really want to know, but, for the sake of our children and the planet, we need to tell them. Offshore drilling is not worth the risk.

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