

Beach sweep a big success

About 45 volunteers took part in a beach cleanup at New Harbour Beach June 17th picking up garbage and preparing the beach for the upcoming summer season.

The event was organized by the 1st New Harbour Beaver and Cub organizations as part of Environment Month and was sponsored by ExxonMobil Canada.

the entire year without a single injury serious enough for one of our employees or contractors to lose time from work.

In fact, the Goldboro gas plant recently celebrated five years without an injury serious enough for an employee to miss time away from work.

Our environmental performance has also been excellent. We are committed to ensuring that the impact of our operations on the environment is

for each of the sites specify acceptable noise levels during the daytime, evening and night time that are recommended by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour.

When noise exceeds the recommended level, we conduct an investigation to determine the cause.

There has been one occasion during the last four years when the noise level in Goldboro exceeded the recommended noise level. On July 25, 2002 we discovered that the noise resulted from the construction of a facility to handle a form of antifreeze we use to keep the pipeline that brings the gas in from the offshore from freezing due to extremely low temperatures along the ocean floor.

During scheduled monitoring periods at Point Tupper in 2002, 2003 and 2004, monitors picked up noise levels that exceeded the recommended level. Investigations concluded that in each case, the noise resulted from one of our neighbours' activities and not our operations.

Neighbours in the immediate area around the Goldboro gas plant received notices earlier this year about maintenance work at the plant which caused temporary higher than usual flaring.

Air monitoring was conducted during this period to ensure that the emissions from the flare were not harmful to area residents.

Results of the testing confirmed that no harmful levels of emissions were in the air. The results showed that in some cases the levels were too low to be detected and in other cases while they could be detected they were still below the guidelines approved by the following agencies - the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour, the Ontario Ministry of Environment and the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment.

minimized and we make every effort to protect sensitive areas.

As part of that commitment, we conduct regular monitoring of the air, surface and ground water and noise levels near the Goldboro gas plant and the Point Tupper fractionation plant.

At the gas plant, surface water quality measurements are taken at three locations along Betty's Brook. Samples are analyzed for various chemicals and compounds.

Over the past four years, all measurements have been within the recommended levels posted by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, with one exception.

That exception was the acidity level of surface water in the Goldboro area, which is naturally occurring and not the result of our operations. The surface water in the area exhibits a lower pH (a measure of acidity in water) than recommended for drinking water.

To measure for noise, we have four sampling stations along the perimeter of both the Goldboro gas plant and the fractionation plant in Point Tupper. Industrial Operations Approval Permits



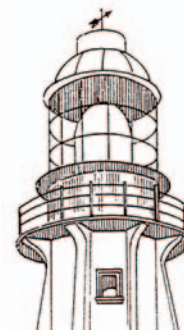
NEW HARBOUR BEAVERS AND CUBS CLEAN UP LOCAL BEACH

The event was advertised locally and attracted volunteers from Larry's River, Drumhead, New Harbour, Stormont, Seal Harbour and Coddles Harbour. Ron Chisholm, MLA for the Guysborough-Sheet Harbour riding, also helped with the clean up as did some employees from ExxonMobil Canada. Together the group picked up about 15 bags of garbage and recyclables. Following the clean up the group enjoyed a barbecue.

At ExxonMobil safety and environmental performance are critical to our success.

"We were proud to support the efforts of the Beavers and Cubs," said Brent Janke, Sable Manager. "This gives us an opportunity to illustrate our commitment to the environment and support a local activity that helps everyone."

Sable's safety performance and production performance were excellent in 2005. We went



Part of our community

Being a part of the community is important to the Sable project and to ExxonMobil and our employees. We look for opportunities to support

local charities and not-for-profit organizations in every region where we do business. This support includes both financial resources and human resources.

ExxonMobil is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Stan Rogers Festival. Canada Day weekend, this world-class event turns Canso into a musical Mecca, attracting dozens of talented musicians and thousands of enthusiastic fans into the area for three days of fun.

ExxonMobil is a strong supporter of Granville Green, a series of free outdoor concerts held each Sunday in July and August at the waterfront in Port Hawkesbury. Mulgrave Road Theatre also received funding in recent years and used the financial support to produce new Canadian plays based on stories inspired from the Guysborough area.

Similarly, more than 10,000 people take in Festival Antigonish each summer and ExxonMobil supports an employment initiative program which allows the participants to gain valuable experience.

New this year is a \$30,000 donation to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust for excellent work being undertaken to secure some of the most ecologically important lands along the St. Mary's River.

Funding has also been provided for Sherbrooke Village's Hands on History program to enable schools in the county to spend a couple of days at the historic village, experiencing life in the past.

Other groups supported by ExxonMobil over the past year include: Guysborough Come Home Week, Guysborough County Heritage Association, Guysborough Food Bank, Sherbrooke Village Concert, St. Mary's Food Bank, Eastern Counties Youth Association, Ocean Lake Riders, Guysborough Triathlon, Country Harbour Smokey Hollow Holidays, Guysborough District Fish & Games 18th Annual Fish Derby, Route 344 Community Action Group, 11th Annual Sherbrooke Show & Shine, St Mary's Canada Day Celebrations, Strait Area Ground and Rescue, Scotia Days Festival, Erville & District Volunteer Fire Dept, Port Bickerton Community Centre, RCMP Bicycle Rodeo, RCMP Adopt an Library Literacy Program, Goldboro & Isaac's Harbour Development Association and Strait Regional Science Fair.

2006 Scholarship Winners

Each year the Sable project owners, ExxonMobil Canada, Shell Canada Limited, Imperial Oil, Pengrowth Corp. and Mosbacher Operating Ltd., provide bursaries to 20 high school graduates from the Strait Area who are pursuing post-secondary education. The participating high schools are in Antigonish, Guysborough and Richmond Counties. This year's winners were as follows:

Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional:

Corinne Dewar
Mary Baldner
Melissa ten Brinke
Paul Dekker Fraser

Strait Area Education Recreation Centre:

Julie Wicks
Michael Greencorn
Kandace Williams
Adrienne Hadley

Guysborough Academy:

Stephanie Crooks
Victoria Hines
Daniel Connolly

Canso Academy:

Stephanie Snow
Alicia DeRabbie
Shawn Boudreau

St. Mary's Academy:

Kabir Bhanot
Sarah Ackerman
April Carmichael

East Antigonish Academy:

Jillian Glenn
Rebecca White
Alana Robertson

Richmond Academy:

Genelle Babin
Heidi Soares
Dana Hill
Robyn Samson

Call before you dig

We don't anticipate any emergencies at the Sable gas plant, but if one should occur, our staff and specialized contractors are trained and ready to respond to keep local communities safe.

As part of our commitment to public safety we have developed emergency procedures, trained and drilled our company and contract employees and developed community awareness and mutual aid programs.

We also meet regularly with the Community Safety Committee, which includes representation from the RCMP in Guysborough and Sherbrooke, the Emergency Measures Organization, Nova Scotia Department of Transportation, Strait Regional School Board.

If you need to report an emergency, call the toll-free number: 1-877-374-0770.



Community Barbeque

More than 400 of our neighbours visited the Sable gas plant in Goldboro on Saturday, October 1, 2005 for the annual open house and barbecue.

The skies were sunny and the burgers were plentiful, creating the perfect backdrop for a community party.

Once again, we had great support from area Harbourview Fire Department and other community partners, such as the RCMP.

Many visitors enjoyed a tour of the gas plant, where they were able to see first-hand the process for receiving gas from 250 kilometres offshore and preparing it for a journey that might take it to markets in the Maritime Provinces and the Northeastern United States.



2005 SABLE COMMUNITY BARBECUE

Sable employees spent the day informing and entertaining their neighbours, a once-a-year opportunity everyone in attendance looks forward to.

Special thanks go out to local musician, George Brothers, who entertained us with his guitar and singing.

Look for a notice in the Guysborough Journal in late summer for the date of the 2006 Sable open house and barbecue.

Q&A Community

Last year approximately 25 people responded to the survey included in the Sable newsletter. Overall the reviews were quite positive.

This is an excellent way for our neighbours to let us know how we can improve our communications and it identifies areas where additional information is required.

You'll find a questionnaire included in this year's edition as well. Please take a few minutes and send us your feedback.

Respondents who included their contact information last year were provided with direct responses to their questions.

Here is a sample of the Questions and Answers.

What kind of emergencies do you prepare for?

As part of our commitment to emergency response preparedness we have emergency exercises throughout the year. We plan for a variety of potential incidents so we are prepared for any circumstance and so that we work with local emergency response organizations which would be assisting us in different situations.

Some of the emergencies we prepare for are a gas leak, a fire and serious injuries to personnel.

Do you plan to use LNG tankers for delivery to the pipeline?

ExxonMobil Canada and the Sable partners are not pursuing any direct relationships at this time with any of the proposed LNG projects in the area. However, the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, which transports Sable natural gas to market, has been having discussions with the LNG projects so the pipelines may eventually transport gas that arrives in LNG tankers.

I would like more information about the Grade 9 innovation program also more about jobs for women at the gas plant.

ExxonMobil Canada is an equal opportunity employer and we support diversity in the workplace.

The Sable project was the founding sponsor of a program called Techsploration, which provides young women in Grades 9 to Grade 12 with opportunities to explore science, trades, and technology occupations, while creating awareness about the critical role of work in their lives. It also helps them understand the significance of high school math and science for their future careers.

As a result of ExxonMobil Canada's ongoing sponsorship of the program it is being offered in 17 schools in the province, including Guysborough Academy, East Antigonish, Canso and Dr. John Hugh Gillis. Female employees from ExxonMobil Canada and other companies also act as mentors or role models for the girls.

There are a number of women in technical and trades roles at the gas plant and fractionation plant and they have been in those jobs since operations began. In addition, women perform roles relating to administration and training.

What is the Sable Project?

The Sable project has been operating now for more than six years, but sometimes it's good to look back to ensure everyone knows the history and current status of the project.

Between the mid-1960s and the late 1980s, significant deposits of natural gas were discovered near Sable Island, about 250 kilometres off the east coast of mainland Nova Scotia.

Some of that natural gas is now being produced and sold by the Sable project, which consists of five offshore platforms, a series of connecting pipelines and two onshore processing plants, in the Nova Scotia communities of Goldboro and Point Tupper.

The natural gas comes ashore through a pipeline that is connected to the Goldboro gas plant. When the natural gas reaches the plant, the natural gas is separated from naturally occurring natural gas liquids, which include propane, butane and a light oil, called condensate. The natural gas liquids are sent by pipeline to Point Tupper for further processing.

The natural gas is treated to remove water and any impurities before it is sent into the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, which delivers the gas to customers in the Maritime Provinces and Northeastern United States who use it to generate

power and heat homes and businesses.

The Goldboro gas plant can process enough gas every day to fuel a city the size of Montreal with more than 2 million people. About 25 people work at the Goldboro plant, and they are responsible for operating the facility and making sure it is well maintained.

In Point Tupper, just outside Port Hawkesbury, the natural gas liquids are separated into propane, butane, and condensate for shipping to market by train, truck, and boat.

The Point Tupper plant can produce approximately 7,000 barrels of propane, 3,000 barrels of butane, and 10,000 barrels of condensate every day. That is enough propane to fill 63,000 20-pound barbecue tanks, enough butane to fill 11 million lighters, and enough condensate to produce all the gasoline needed for a car to drive around the world 515 times.

In late May and early June, the construction phase of the Sable project was completed with the installation of a new platform offshore. This new



COMPRESSION PLATFORM INSTALLED OFFSHORE

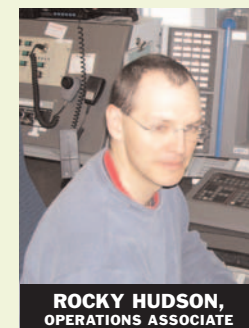
platform supports a compressor which will enable the production of more gas.

Up until now, all of the gas being produced from below the ocean was leaving the ground under its own pressure. However, now that the project has been producing gas for more than six years, that natural pressure has declined and the compression platform will help with the recovery of the gas.

The largest heavy lift vessel in the world, Saipem 7000, lifted the 7,600-tonne compression platform into place. The Galaxy II jackup drilling rig was temporarily converted to an accommodations vessel for the hookup and commissioning phase, which will continue through the summer and into the fall.

The compression platform will be up and running by year-end.

Sable Employee Profile: Rocky Hudson



ROCKY HUDSON, OPERATIONS ASSOCIATE

Rocky Hudson, Operations Associate at the Goldboro gas plant, is happy to be home.

"I've worked away from home a few times during my career, both in Halifax and in Dawson Creek,

British Columbia," says Rocky, a native of Country Harbour. "I'm happy to be able to work here and raise my children at home."

Rocky and his partner, Michelle, are raising three children, daughters Siobhan and Kali and son Grayson.

And when Rocky isn't at work, he's got a full-time job at home chasing after three

children. When time permits, he likes being outdoors with the family or taking time to fish, hunt or go four-wheeling.

As an Operations Associate, Rocky works both inside and outside at the gas plant, depending on the shift. He is involved with running the control room and its control panel, and managing work permits. All work undertaken at the plant requires a work permit to ensure that all safety and operational considerations are thought out before a job begins.

Rocky also works at the Sable fractionation plant in Point Tupper, where he loads rail cars with propane and butane produced by the Sable project.

"What I really like about the job is the variety," explains Rocky.

Rocky has been working at Sable for seven years -- since the project began. During most of that time he has worked at the plant, but he also worked at the construction warehouse while the plant was being built.

Prior to working at Sable, Rocky worked in the construction and forestry industries. In between, he undertook business and computer studies and completed a Business Administration and Technology program at the Strait Campus of Nova Scotia Community College. He has also completed a diploma in Construction Administration from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology.

Rocky says his training and experience prepared him well for the challenges he faces in his role at the plant.

"Multi-tasking is the name of the game."