

Media Advisory

March 26, 2010

Issue Identification Phase Complete

The Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry has determined the issues to be examined from the information provided during the public hearings held between October 19, 2009 and February 18, 2010.

Commissioner Wells, Inquiry Counsel and all Parties with Standing have completed the identification of issues for consideration, as part of Phase 1b of the Inquiry. Over the past several weeks meetings with the Commissioner, Inquiry Counsel and the Parties with Standing have taken place to clearly identify the issues which will be considered by the Commissioner within the mandate of the Inquiry. The List of Issues for Consideration will be posted on the Inquiry's website www.oshsi.nl.ca.

Commissioner Wells says he is "very pleased with the progress made and will now move forward with a review of all the issues for consideration which arose from the Inquiry hearings, in advance of making further recommendations."

The Parties with Standing are asked to file written submissions, on the issues identified for improvement to offshore helicopter transportation, on or before July 30, 2010. All written submissions will be posted on the Inquiry's website www.oshsi.nl.ca at that time. Public hearings have been scheduled for the presentation of oral submissions by the Parties with Standing, as part of Phase 1c, for September 8, 9 and 10, 2010.

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