

# BP in Nova Scotia



UPDATE, MAY 2016

## Scotian Basin Exploration Project

In November 2012, BP was awarded exploration licenses (ELs) for four blocks offshore Nova Scotia. The Company is proposing to conduct an exploration drilling program in 2018, pending federal and provincial approvals. The location of the initial wells are not currently known and will be based on an analysis of seismic data.

### Project Status

BP is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement of the Project to be submitted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) in the spring of 2016. This environmental assessment will identify potential environmental and social impacts as a result of our proposed activities and describe associated mitigations that will inform the conditions of how we will operate.

Once BP submits its Environmental Impact Statement to CEAA for review, the public will again be invited to comment.



### Safety

Safe operations are BP's priority. We only carry out operations where we are confident we can do so in a safe, secure and responsible manner.

BP's investigation into the accident in the Gulf of Mexico, the Bly Report, made 26 recommendations aimed at further reducing risk across our global drilling activities. They included strengthening contractor management, improving assurance on blowout preventers (BOPs), well control, pressure-testing for well integrity, emergency systems, cement testing, rig audit and verification, and personnel competence. The completed recommendations now form a sustainable part of the Operating Management System within BP's global wells organization.

### Planning and Prevention

Our goal is to prevent any spills, and we take precautions to do so. However, we also need to be prepared to control, contain and clean up an oil spill in the unlikely event one should occur. As a result, we will develop a robust incident response plan for our project offshore Nova Scotia. The plan will include consideration of the subsurface characteristics, the met-ocean and environmental conditions, infrastructure and supply chain to ensure our plan is robust and fully compliant with regulatory requirements.

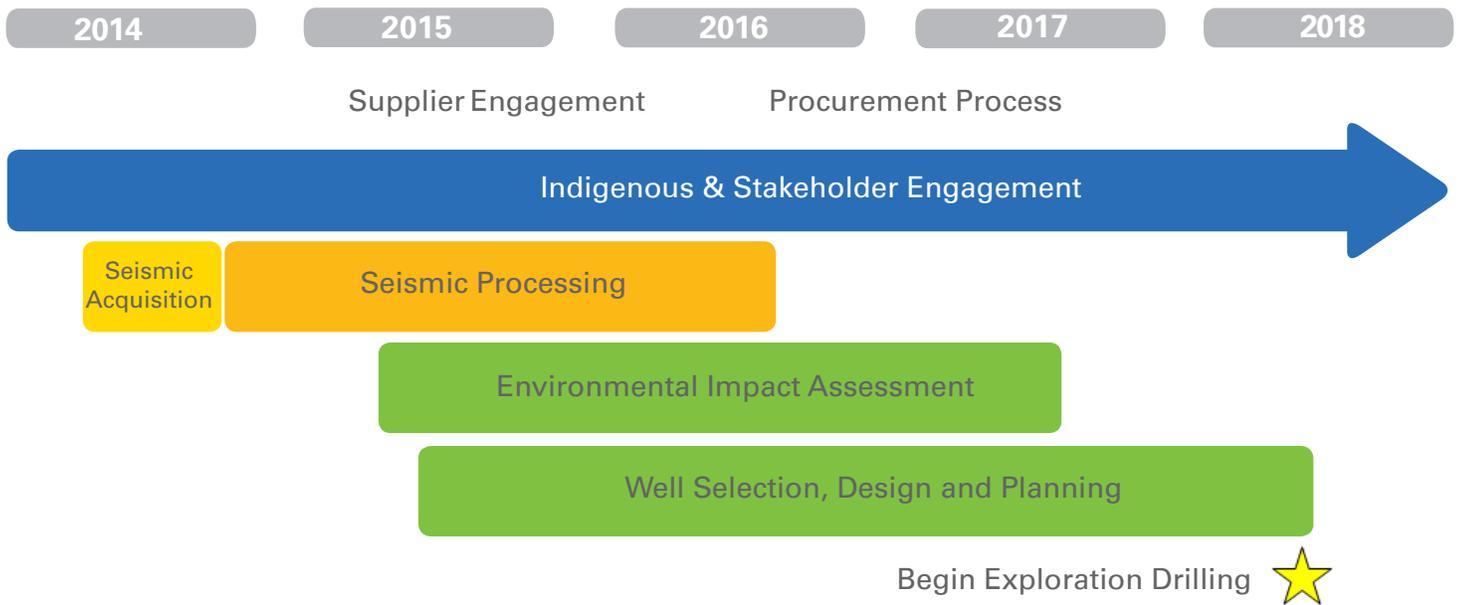
Our incident response plan, once developed, will be submitted for review by the CNSOPB who is responsible for approval of offshore projects in the region.

## Consultation and Engagement

BP has been hearing from local communities that safe and environmentally sound operations remain a top consideration over the full life-cycle of a project. Listening and responding to stakeholders concerns about BP's activities is an important part of our project.

We have been meeting with stakeholders including fisheries and aboriginal communities to understand areas of interest and any concerns they may have. BP is interested in forming long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with the communities in which it operates.

## Project Timeline



## Contact

For more information about the Scotian Basin Exploration Project, please see the Project Description on the CNSOPB's website or email [nsinfo@bp.com](mailto:nsinfo@bp.com).

*Our values are anchored in our global code of conduct - [www.bp.com](http://www.bp.com)*

**Safety   Respect   Excellence   Courage   One Team**

BP Canada Energy Group ULC | Suite 505, CIBC Building, 1809 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS  
B3J 3K8 | (902) 420-2338 | [www.bp.com/Canada](http://www.bp.com/Canada)

