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## BRIEFING NOTE TO THE COMMISSIONER

## NOTE D'INFORMATION AU COMMISSAIRE

### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

#### ISSUE:

- To inform on the Shale Gas Exploration activities planned to begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the areas surrounding Moncton, New Brunswick. Local community groups are expected to protest the activities of (SWN) South Western Resources Canada.

#### BACKGROUND:

- The government of New Brunswick has hired the company SWN, for the purposes of exploration for the extraction of natural gas in some areas in New Brunswick. The commitment made by the province, back in 2010, was for a three-year term. The company, SWN, uses hydro-fracking techniques during the process.
- Local community groups have manifested their opposition in past years by conducting protest activities in areas where the company planned to conduct their exploration, resulting in the postponement of the work.
- This year, SWN, plans to begin their work on the 2013-06-03 in the areas of Highway 126 between Moncton city limits and Rogersville, NB, with work being carried out into other surrounding areas.
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#### CURRENT STATUS:

- An extensive Operational Plan, covering multiple scenarios, has been prepared and approved by the OIC "J" Division Criminal Operations Branch, for the purpose of maintaining public safety and public order as the work by SWN begins.

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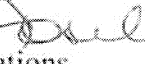
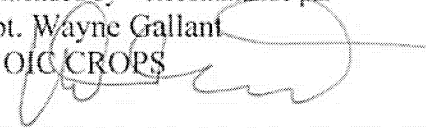
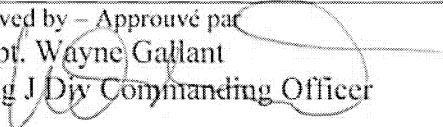
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- Numerous meetings have taken place between "J" Division Criminal Operations, the Shale Gas project team as well as other Program Managers in order to ensure "J" Division is well prepared for these events.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Our Divisional Media liaison unit has been included in the preparation of this Operational Plan. A communication strategy is being drafted.
- Updated briefing notes will be prepared as the activities of the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> unfold and we have a better assessment of the protest activities that these exploration initiatives will attract.

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#### ISSUE:

- To report on the ongoing situation in regards to the protest activities in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration in New Brunswick. Local community groups, including individuals from the Elsipogtog and other First Nation communities from New Brunswick, have maintained a protest site on Hwy 126, north of Moncton.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On Friday evening, 2013-06-14, an emergency meeting was held between representatives of the GNB, SWN resources, and members of the First Nations communities of NB. It was agreed that a four day break would be taken by SWN in order to allow time to the various First Nation Chiefs to meet and discuss with their respective communities on the way forward with the growing concerns of the shale gas explorations.
- Throughout the weekend, the sacred fire, remained lit, and protesters continued to gather at this point. The number of protesters varied from 20 to 100 people, depending on the time of day. The protest was peaceful and maintained away from the roadway.
- On 2013-06-16, the fire had to be re-lit after it extinguished itself and is now expected to remain lit until 22:00hrs, today 2013-06-19.
- On 2013-06-17, a secondary meeting was held between GNB and the New Brunswick First Nation Chiefs. There is no information at this time as to what transpired from this meeting.
- Since Monday 2013-06-17, activities at the protest site have been peaceful due to the fact that the exploration activities by SWN have been suspended for the past four days. This morning, the vibroesis trucks will return to the area and set up to resume their work.
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The NCO i/c of Elsipogtog detachment is working closely with the population to appease this situation.


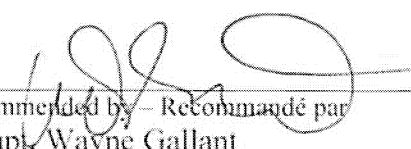
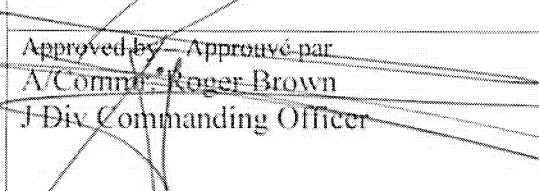
This First Nation is located in Quebec near the New Brunswick border, near Campbellton.

**STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:**

- As the protesters prepare to maintain their presence on Hwy 126 and with additional people expected to attend in show of support,
- SWN are expected to have completed their work on Hwy 126 by the 2013-06-24, pending the amount of disruptions that may be caused by the protesters. The next lines of explorations will be located in wooded areas.

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Our Divisional Media Liaison continues to be involved in this incident. Updated briefing notes will continue to be delivered as the situation unfolds.

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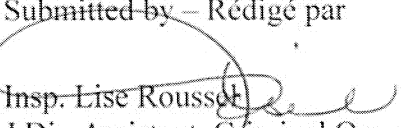
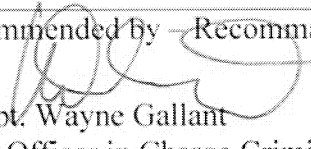
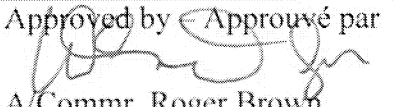
**SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK  
UPDATED FROM 2013-06-11**

**ISSUE:**

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-11 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration activities that began on June 3rd in New Brunswick. Local community groups are expressing concerns and protesting against the activities of (SWN) South Western Resources Canada.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- On Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the company had to stop their operations in mid-afternoon due to a major breakdown with their equipment.
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- The fire in question is located on a private property at the intersection of Highways 116 and 126. The attendance at the fire has varied from 40 – 100 people.
- Today, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Geokinetics (SWN sub-contractor) resumed its seismic testing and they are now at approx. 1 kilometer from the fire location.
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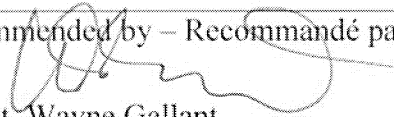
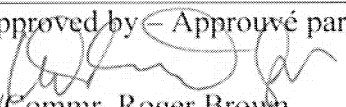
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- The plan for tomorrow is to move the vibroseis trucks closer to the fire early in the morning while the crowd at a minimum. J Division is exploring plans with SWN and the protesters for a peaceful passage of the vibroseis truck by the sacred fire.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

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UPDATED 2013-06-13

#### ISSUE:

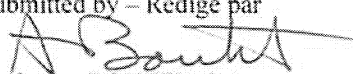
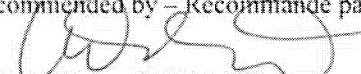
- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 DATED 2013-06-13 regarding the shale gas exploration protests activities in South Eastern New Brunswick.

#### BACKGROUND:

- On Thursday, June 13, 2013 Geokinetics, a South Western Resources sub-contractor, stopped its operations early in reaction to the stated intentions of the protestors to block the company trucks at the location of a "sacred" fire built as a symbol of their opposition to shale gas exploration.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Today, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 06:45 am the vibroseis trucks set out to travel North in an attempt to drive by the sacred fire and proceed to work north of a bridge situated on Hwy 126 near the intersection of Hwy 126 and 116, therefore avoiding seismic testing activities at the fire site.
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- The vibroseis trucks are now back in operation, however the situation could change rapidly.

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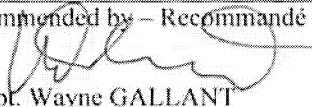
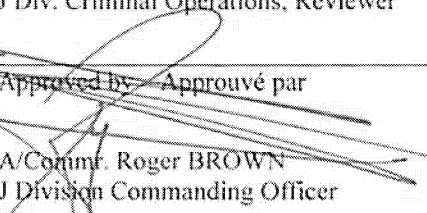
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#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Our Crisis Negotiating Team is on site to alleviate feelings of disrespect shared within the protestors' ranks.
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#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION:

- A communication strategy is in place as media interest in the issue is high.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK UPDATE #1

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622, dated 2013-05-31 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration activities that began on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Brunswick. Local community groups are expressing concerns against the activities of ( SWN ) South Western Resources Canada.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- To date, concerned citizens have been expressing their disapproval of the SWN exploration in a peaceful manner until this afternoon when a team of employees hired by SWN was confronted by a group of protesters from the Elsipogtog First Nation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ working with a company hired by SWN, \_\_\_\_\_ had stopped \_\_\_\_\_.
- The local police became involved and after negotiation \_\_\_\_\_ to the RCMP detachment where it would be secured until an agreement was reached to allow it to leave Elsipogtog. No threats were made to these individuals.

Submitted by – Rédigé par MLA Roussel, Insp. J Div Criminal Operations	Date 13-06-04	Recommended by – Recommandé par C/Supt. Wayne Gallant J Div OIC CROPS (FOR)	Date 13-06-04
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- So far the situation is under control .  
Our members  
are engaged in a negotiation with the leaders of this group of protesters.

#### **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Our Divisional Media liaison unit has been advised, communication lines have been prepared.
- A Media Relations Officer has been assigned as the contact person for the RCMP in this situation.

Prepared by:

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## SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED FROM 2013-06-05

**ISSUE:**

- To provide an update on BN #201383622, dated 2013-06-05.  
A Peaceful protest by a group of activists against the Shale Gas Company, has now turned into a volatile situation.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- A group of 80 people who had gathered for a peaceful protest by means of a walk along Hwy#126, have now travelled by vehicle to the location where SWN is conducting their exploration work, and is now interfering with the work being performed by these employees.
- The majority of the group was cooperating with police and had decided to walk ahead of the vibro trucks and was not interfering with the work being performed. Members were dealing with a group of individuals

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- The NCO i/c of Elsipogtog has been made aware of the arrests and he will be monitoring this situation closely.
- SWN resources have decided to cease operations for the day and will re-assess the situation to see when their crew will be returning to work.

**Prepared By: MLA Roussel, Insp.  
“J” Division Criminal Operations**





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**SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK  
UPDATED FROM 2013-06-04**

**ISSUE:**

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-04 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration activities that began on June 3rd in New Brunswick. Local community groups are expressing concerns against the activities of (SWN) South Western Resources Canada.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- As of last evening, shortly after 7 p.m., after discussions between the RCMP and Elsipogtog's Chief,
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**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Our Divisional Media liaison unit is actively involved with this situation, communication lines have been prepared.
- A Media Relations Officer has been assigned as the contact person for the RCMP in this situation.

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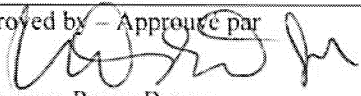
UPDATED FROM 2013-06-07

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-07 regarding the Shale Gas exploration activities that began on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Brunswick. Local community groups are expressing concerns over the activities of South Western Resources Canada (SWN).

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On Sunday June 9th, 2013, the RCMP made several arrests as a result of an unlawful protest on Hwy 126 which was causing the operations by SWN to be impeded.
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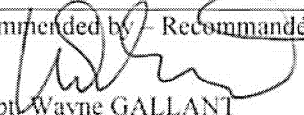
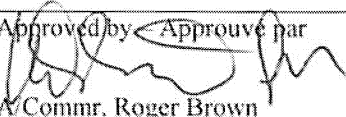
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#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- The issue has been drawing daily protests and demonstrations. A measured approach is being taken with respect to enforcement.
- The situation will continue to be monitored closely; contingency plans are in place so as to be able to respond in a timely fashion.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place, media interest in the issue is continuing.

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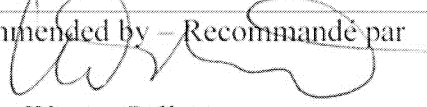
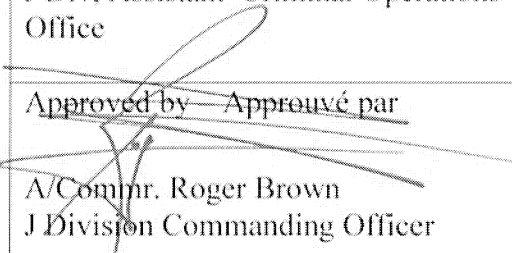
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- The plan for tomorrow is to maintain police presence in the area as the work by SWN continues.

#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Our contingency plan is being updated as this situation unfolds. The next line of operations by SWN will take the activities in a wooded area. Additional measures are being put into place by the police and the company to address any complications that this may bring.
- A measured approach is being maintained with respect to enforcement.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place as media interest in the issue is high.

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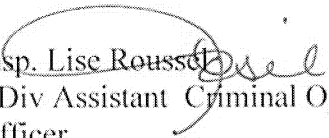
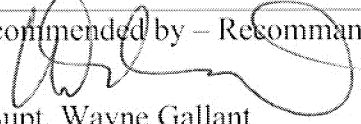
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**ISSUE:**

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-19 in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration activities in New Brunswick. Local community groups are expressing concerns and continue their protests against the activities of (SWN) South Western Resources Canada on Hwy 126, north of Moncton.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- This afternoon, 2013-06-21, a group of protesters on Hwy 126, south of Rogersville NB, interrupted the exploration activities by suddenly walking in front of the vibreosis truck and halting the SWN operations.
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SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-06-19

**ISSUE:**

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 DATED 2013-06-19 regarding the shale gas exploration protests activities in South Eastern New Brunswick.

**BACKGROUND:**



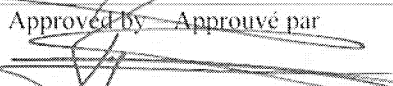
- Yesterday the RCMP responded to a call along Rte 490 near Fords Mills
- Later in the evening, the RCMP responded again to Route 490 where at least nine trees had been cut down to block the road. The motive for cutting down the trees onto the highway is believed to impede the progress of the SWN company and their workers/machinery.
- Several hours were required to remove the trees and reopen the route for public travel.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- The next lines of explorations will be located in more wooded areas.
- It appears that one of the lines could be passing over a sacred burial site, this situation is presently being looked into. Should this be confirmed, it will add pressure on the company and raise concerns for public safety.
- The situation has been relatively quiet today, however it could change rapidly.

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION:**

- A communication strategy is in place as media interest in the issue is high.

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SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-06-25

ISSUE:

- To provide an update on the BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-24 in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Early in the morning of 2013-06-25, a group of more than 50 protestors surrounded
- A senior RCMP member negotiated with the group for approximately three hours and was successful in getting the security guards out of the area.
- the Elsipogtog RCMP detachment. The crowd then dispersed from the scene. The vehicles will be returned to the company as soon as possible.
- A few hours later, fire and police responded to a fire at the same location. A piece of heavy machinery was destroyed. Arson is suspected.
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STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION:

- A communication strategy is in place, all media enquiries are channeled through the "J" Division Media Relations Officer.

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## COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING NOTE UPDATE

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED FROM 2013-06-05 EVENING

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated the evening of 2013-06-05 regarding the Shale Gas exploration activities that began on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Brunswick. Local community groups are expressing concerns over the activities of South Western Resources Canada (SWN).

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- A protest was organized starting from Elsipogtog First Nation Reserve heading towards Route 126 where the vibroseis trucks are operating.
- Upon arrival at the work site protestors indicated their intent to start a sacred fire on the same side of the road that the vibroseis trucks were on. Approximately 75 protestors attended the area.


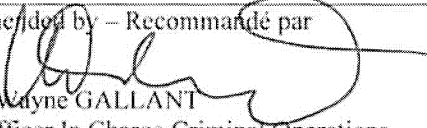
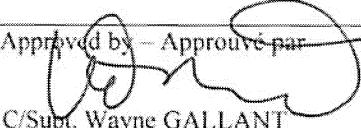
#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Members from the J Div Negotiation Team have been conversing with the protestors to find a suitable place for the sacred fire ceremony. The current situation is that the protestors have agreed to not interfere with the SWN employees. This situation could change quickly.

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#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place, media interest in the issue is continuing. A Media Relations Officer has been assigned as the contact person for the RCMP in this situation.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

#### ISSUE:

- Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick has started up once more with SWN Resources resuming exploration operations.

#### BACKGROUND:

- SWN Resources is the Houston-based company exploring the region for shale gas deposits. Vehicles and equipment belonging to the company have been targeted by protest groups intent on interrupting lawful operations.
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#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-14 at 0830 hrs SWN Resources resumed exploration activities along Highway 11. Protest groups interfered with this activity and the RCMP enacted a traffic plan that closed the highway for safety reasons. Throughout the day SWN were able to conduct some work but were stopped numerous times by protestors blocking the trucks. Highway 11 was closed completely for periods of time and also partially opened for periods of time.
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- SWN Resources have plans to complete 55 kilometers of exploration for shale gas deposits. Total distance covered today is expected to be less than three kilometers. RCMP negotiators continue to work on keeping lines of communication open to enable SWN to continue with operations and allow peaceful protestors to conduct demonstrations in a safe manner.

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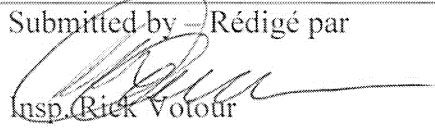
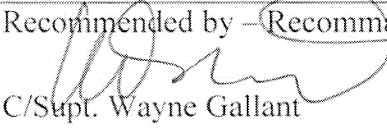
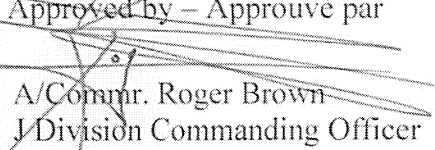
- SWN exploration activities finished at 1615 hrs and trucks used for exploration departed for a secured compound in the Moncton area. J Division operational resources are monitoring the return of these vehicles.

#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- The aboriginal community of Elsipogtog and its leaders has been very clear that actions by SWN Resources are illegal and being conducted on disputed territory. The ongoing conflict in New Brunswick is drawing national and international attention and all RCMP activities are being very closely monitored by interest groups.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- J Division has a communications plan in place and is monitoring the situation daily.

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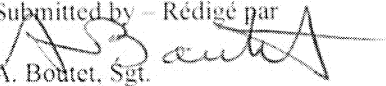
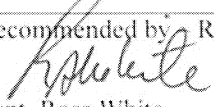
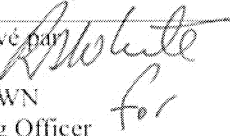
UPDATED 2013-07-05 EVENING

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on the BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-07-05 in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- SWN Resources continue gas exploration operations on 2013-07-05, in an area 10 kms west of Rte 126 near Harcourt, NB.
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- SWN workers will carry out their work over the week-end. Patrols will continue to be conducted

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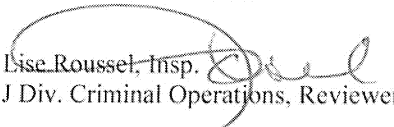
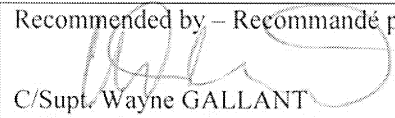
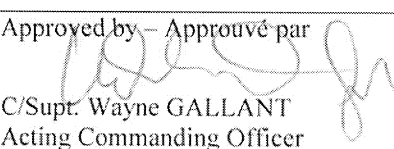
UPDATED FROM 2013-07-24

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated the 2013-07-24 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- SWN resources were resuming their testing activities over the weekend when on the 2013-07-27, at 15:13hrs, a group of 30 protesters arrived at the camp site which is being used for the gatherings of this on-going protest. The site is referred to as the "Ski-doo shack".
- Protesters active on social media were inviting people to gather to this site.
- By suppertime, the group had increased to approximately 50-60 people and they approached the members, advising that they wanted to perform a ceremonial dance in the middle of the woods road in front of the "Skidoo shack". The group was allowed to perform this ceremony. Prior to the start of this ceremony, a SWN vehicle had been approaching the location, the members asked the protesters if the vehicle could drive through. At 1806hrs, the group agreed to allow the truck to proceed, only to block its path of travel once it was halfway through.
- For the safety of our members, and to prevent the crowd from getting bigger, the members blocked the entrance to the woods road at the intersection of Bronson Road and Hwy#116.

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- While this incident took place, there were still SWN employees conducting work in the area beyond this blockade. Some of the protesters were seen armed with machetes and knives. SWN employees were advised of the situation and advised to stay at a safe distance from the skidoo camp. ]

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- By 03:00hrs, the crowd had diminished and at this point, we had a better control of the situation, and advised the SWN employees to leave the area, which they did but were hit with rocks as they drove through. At 04:00hrs, all SWN employees had successfully departed the wooded area. Other equipment remained in the woods, including Irving Security vehicles.

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- The RCMP maintained its presence on Hwy#116 throughout the night. RCMP and ISL vehicles, as well as ORVE vehicles were left hidden in the woods and will be retrieved y once a plan to safely do so has been developed.
- There has been report of damage this weekend to SWN testing equipment. Investigations are on-going on past incidents of mischief. Arrest plans are being put into place.
- Social Media is being monitored by our Criminal Intelligence Analysts.

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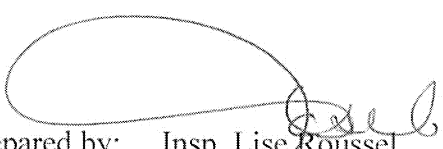
## STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:


- We have recommended to SWN that they delay their operations until we are able to complete a risk assessment of the current situation. Efforts are underway to once again engage the community and other sources to determine who it is we are now dealing with.

Their agendas are not necessarily associated to Natural gas development in the area. SWN only has a few days of work before they complete their operations on Line 5.

## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place, media interest in the issue is continuing. A Media Relations Officer has been assigned as the contact person for the RCMP in this situation.
- There was no media on site throughout the weekend.

  
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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-03

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-02 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

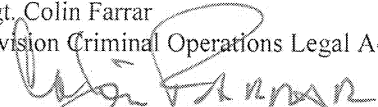
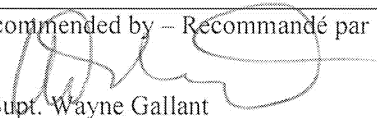
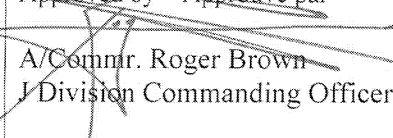
- Protesters had been cutting trees on private property and Crown land. After some discussion between the RCMP and the group, this has stopped.
- Protesters were allowed to bring a travel trailer to the area, contingent on a thorough search by the RCMP and a condition that the RCMP would choose the area of set-up.
- Counsel for SWN Resources Inc. informed the RCMP that they have obtained an injunction order to prohibit blockage of access to working sites. The order will be directed at named and unknown protesters and will contain an enforcement provision that authorizes the RCMP to arrest persons who fail to abide by the order of the court. Operational Strategies will determine if, when and how this order will be enforced.
- Although SWN Resources Inc. is not able to conduct work in the area, the demonstration remains peaceful.
- Ongoing meetings between the RCMP and a newly-appointed representative of the Chief and Council from Elsipogtog First Nation are being held in an attempt to resolve this impasse.

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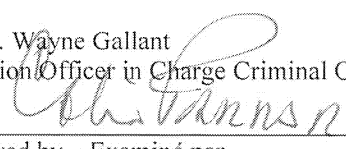
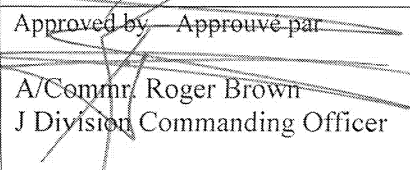
UPDATED 2013-10-04

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-03 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Counsel for SWN Resources Inc. has obtained an injunction order to prohibit blockage of access to working sites. The order is directed at named and unknown protesters and contains an enforcement provision that authorizes the RCMP to arrest persons who fail to abide by the order of the court. Operational strategies will determine if, when and how this order will be enforced. While the order has not been served at this time by process servers, some persons have left the area upon hearing of its existence via social media.
- Determined protesters remain on-site.
- Private security personnel continue to be deployed within the equipment compound but have concern for their security. Options are being explored.
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- Potential avenues of negotiation that could reach the protesters have surfaced and are being explored.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-21 1400 HRS

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-19 PM regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

2013-10-20

- The original protest site in Rexton N.B. was occupied around the clock by a small number of people and vehicles. Traffic was slowed in several locations by Shale gas protestors but no highways were blocked.
- A decision was made to begin the scaling back of resources. EDU was released and the "A" Division Tactical team was released on the morning of October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- A widely publicized community meeting was called for late afternoon on Elsipogtog first nations reserve by Chief Sock. The Grand Chief Derek Nepinak from Manitoba, leader of the national Treaty Alliance, was in attendance. The media were not invited to participate and were asked to leave.
- Following the meeting, Chief Sock was in communication with the RCMP through Sgt. Dustin WARD and by 2300 hrs Chief Sock oversaw the removal of the six burned RCMP vehicles. Chief SOCK had community members clean up the site of the burned vehicles by sweeping up debris.
- The vehicles were towed under the control of J Division RCMP to a secure compound in Shediac N.B. for further investigation and forensic examination.
- NOC was advised that the J Div DEOC would be deactivated from midnight to 0800 hrs.

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Approximately 150 people were at the courthouse in Moncton and there were no reported problems.

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- The courts denied an extension to the SWN Resources Inc injunction order.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-26

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-11-25 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-25, a SWN contractor installed geophones without incident in preparation for testing by vibration trucks on 2013-11-26.
- On 2013-11-26, with some attempts at interference from protesters from a distance, vibration trucks are carrying out planned work.
- On 2013-11-26, a prominent and vocal activist was detained for breaching the 2013-11-22 order of the court.
- Intelligence reports indicate that the number of protesters noted in the area has increased since 2013-11-25.
- A new "camp" has been erected by protesters in a field about 5 km from current exploration activities.
- SWN Resources Inc. (SWN) has requested a variance in their permits from the Province to explore at night. For safety reasons, given the historical volatile nature of this undertaking, the RCMP has openly discouraged such exploration during darkness but will be available to respond if so required.

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- To this point of 2013-11-26, RCMP resources are monitoring to ensure to the extent possible a safe work zone around the vehicles of SWN and contractors via the conditions specified in the court injunction order of 2013-11-22.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-28 PM

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-11-28 AM regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-28, no arrests were made.
- On 2013-11-28, vibration trucks carried out planned work until early afternoon, halting then because of advancing protesters, approximately 75 in number. Work will resume 2013-11-29.
- On 2013-11-28, Highway 11 was closed for about 1.5 hours early afternoon by the RCMP because of pedestrians and vibration truck movements. Traffic was rerouted without incident.
- It is expected that protesters will be out in force 2013-11-29 in an attempt to stop vibration trucks from advancing through a portion of land along Highway 134. It will be determined with the company whether exploration along this stretch of highway can be avoided to limit chances of confrontation.
- Counsel for SWN will apply for an extension of the order in the NB Court of Queens' Bench on 2013-12-02.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-07-05

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on the BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-25 in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- SWN Resources recommenced their gas exploration operations on 2013-07-04, in an area 10 kms west of Rte 126 near Harcourt, NB.
- RCMP members are conducting patrols near the work site areas to ensure public safety and prevent crime.
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- SWN workers carried out their work without incident and returned to work this morning, July 5. Patrols continue to be conducted.
- Online media reports of a warrior chief having been arrested are false.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION:

- A communication strategy is in place, all media enquiries are channeled through the "J" Division Media Relations Officer.

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## COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

#### ISSUE:

- Update to Briefing Note dated 2013-11-14

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Damage done to seismic testing gear yesterday delayed the resumption of testing today.
- During debriefings held on 2013-11-14, experienced public order members reported that the protest group has become increasingly more aggressive and intimidating, and have armed themselves with stick, knives, and sprays. They also noted that some protestors were carrying backpacks in which they felt weapons could be, or were being, concealed. Members expressed 'grave concerns' for the safety of our members, the protestors, and the public in general.
- Officers at the two protest sites early on 2013-11-15 reported that there were significantly more protestors present, and there were a number of individuals that had not been seen at previous events.  

Officers also

noted a large pile of 6 foot logs, estimated at 3-4 cords, at both protest sites, likely to allow for the blocking of the highway which has been a tactic used in the past.
- Geokinetics, a contractor working for SWN, decided, based on their own risk assessment, not to deploy their people or equipment today. As a result of this decision SWN had no choice but to cease operations.
- Elsipogtog FN has filed for an emergency injunction and is presently before the courts arguing the case that SWN activity, and the license issued by the Government is in contravention of their treaty rights as they were not adequately consulted. The judge will render her decision on Monday at 4 PM.



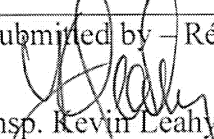
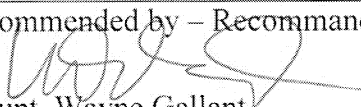
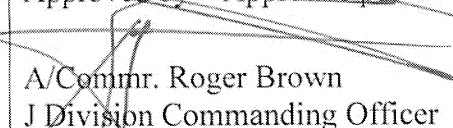
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#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

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#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- J Division has a communications plan in place and is monitoring the situation daily. Media interest remains high.

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## COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING NOTE UPDATE

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-09-30

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN # 2013 83622 dated the 2013-07-31 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- 2013-09-29 SWN started laying geophones with equipment stored and deployed from a fenced compound in Rexton.
- Facebook users organized a 24-hour presence of protesters at the Rexton compound.
- Protesters at the Rexton compound placed a barricade on Rte 134, although traffic can get around the barricade.
- Protesters, 29 people and 18 vehicles, were at the Rexton compound blocking the entrance, slowing SWN equipment as leaving the compound, letting them through one at a time. Tow truck called by RCMP was initially prevented from picking up a vehicle blocking the entrance to the compound.
- RCMP closed Rte. 134 at 1534hrs.
- A number of males were at the blockade, apparently looking for a confrontation.
- RCMP negotiators were on scene.
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- There were approximately 60 -70 people at the blockade at 2030hrs.
- At 2100hrs, RCMP remained on scene at the Rexton SWN compound with protesters with heightened level of police presence maintained overnight.

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- The road remained closed to traffic to prevent the crowd from expanding.
- On 2013-09-30 SWN trucks will commence recording of information from geophones on Hwy 11.

#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- The need to keep the Rte. 134 closed will be re-assessed.
- Facebook events indicate potential protests as follows:
  - Atlantic Canada Energy Summit (Delta Brunswick Hotel, Saint John) from 2013-10-03 to 2013-10-04;
  - Energy for Everyone rally on 2013-10-03 at Saint John;
  - Idle No More International Day of Action on 2013-10-07;
  - Moncton Court during a protester appearance on 2013-10-09;
  - Global day of action against hydraulic fracking on 2013-10-19; and
  - New session of the NB Legislative Assembly on 2013-11-26.
- Local police forces in Saint John and Fredericton will be kept informed of potential events in their jurisdictions.
- Social Media is being monitored by the J Division Criminal Intelligence Analyst to track activities of the protesters.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place; media interest in the issue is continuing. A Media Relations Officer has been assigned as the contact person for this situation.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-01

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated the 2013-09-30 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### BACKGROUND:

- Yesterday, SWN employees were scheduled to commence recording information from geophones on Hwy 11 when protesters blocked the entrance to the company compound where the trucks were kept.
- Trees were also cut down beside the highway partially blocking traffic on Route 134. As a result, SWN suspended its activities for the day.
- A number of protestors at the blockade advised they would not leave until they were granted a meeting with officials from the provincial government and SWN Resources.
- By mid-afternoon, a portion of Route 134 near the protest site was closed by the RCMP to enhance public safety. Traffic was re-routed to prevent any disruptions to the public and workers.
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#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Police negotiators have maintained open dialogue with the protestors but there does not appear to be any indication that they have any intentions of leaving the area.
- To commemorate Treaty Day, Elsipogtog First Nation Chief and Council have announced their intention to hold a media conference at the Rexton shale gas protest site at 1 p.m.

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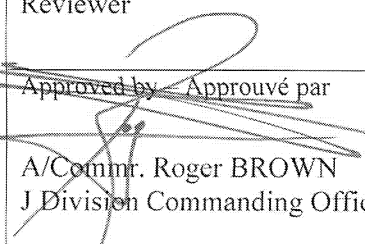
- Social Media is being monitored by the J Division Criminal Intelligence Analyst to track activities of the protestors.
- ISL (Irving) Security continues to maintain a watch over the SWN equipment compound.
- The RCMP is waiting for confirmation by the provincial government that they are willing to meet, under certain conditions with the protestors and SWN officials.

#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Attempts are being made to identify other stakeholders who may be of assistance but few persons of influence are willing to involve themselves in the dispute.
- Consistent with the need to maintain a measured approach, the closure by police of Rte. 134 will be re-assessed.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place, media interest in the issue remains high.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK UPDATED 2013-10-02

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-10-01 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### BACKGROUND:

- A press conference was held yesterday afternoon at the blockade site on Route 134 whereby Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Arren SOCK read a Band Council Resolution (BCR) reclaiming First Nations stewardship over all unoccupied "Crown" land.
- Following Chief SOCK's statement, between 150 and 200 supporters marched and surrounded the compound where SWN Resources is keeping its exploration equipment. A breach of the compound occurred but the gate opening was quickly put back into place.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- A message has been prepared for all other Divisions asking that any information received on potential outside influence or threat linked to the Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick be immediately forwarded to an identified contact in J Division.
- RCMP negotiators are promoting the need for continued dialogue by attempting to set a meeting with a mediator between the protestors, government officials and SWN Resources.
- The main objective for today is to move the equipment out of the compound and bring down the tension.
- Counsel for SWN has informed the RCMP that an injunction order is pending. The order will restrain protestors from interfering with SWN's activities.

Submitted by – Rédigé par  Sgt. Andreane BOUTET J Division Criminal Operations Reviewer	Date  2013-10-02	Recommended by – Recommandé par  Supt. Gilles MAILLET Acting J Division OIC Criminal Operations	Date  2013-10-02
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**SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK**

**UPDATED 2013-10-17 2100 HRS**

**ISSUE:**

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-17 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- After twelve hours all RCMP resources cleared the protest site. There were no reported serious injuries to any RCMP employee during today's operations. Some minor injuries occurred to individuals resisting arrest. At least one shot was fired by an unknown protestor.
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- Six police vehicles at the original protest site were destroyed by fire during the day.

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- Elisapogtog Chief and council are reportedly travelling to Fredericton NB to engage in a face to face meeting with the J Division Commanding Officer.
- Police resources from neighboring Divisions continue to support operations.
- As of 2100 hrs the provincial situation has calmed considerably.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-18 AT 08:00 HRS

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-10-17 PM regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Blockades which occurred throughout the Province last evening were all abandoned with the exception of Eel River Bar, NB where local rangers are manning the blockade. This blockade is not on a major thoroughfare.
- Protesters started a fire at the Elsipogtog RCMP Detachment; however it was quickly extinguished by the Elsipogtog Fire Department. Some fire damage and vandalism has occurred to the Detachment. No employees were at the location at the time of the incident and no injuries occurred, investigation ongoing.
- This morning approx. 30 protesters are slowing car traffic on both East and West bound off ramps at Exit 297 near Oromocto, NB. Protesters do not want to allow commercial trucks access to the Irving garage as a form of protest towards JD Irving Company. The main TCH East and West bound lanes are flowing freely.
- Other possible protest activity includes a roadblock near Waasis Road, Oromocto, NB (specific location not known). As well, one is possibly scheduled for TCH Route 2 near Tobique, NB.
- A possible roadblock on Route 11 near Bouctouche, NB, may occur but the time is unknown.

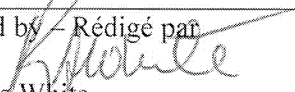
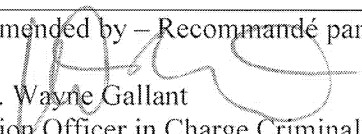
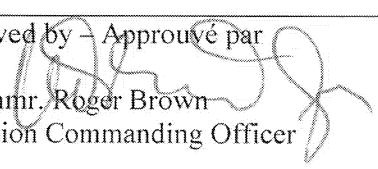
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- Police resources will be assigned to specific locations throughout the Division this date.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-18 2100 HRS

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Multiple aboriginal protest groups gathered in various New Brunswick locations throughout the day to disrupt the normal flow of vehicle traffic. Roadblocks ranged from full to partial road closures and in each case police officers were able to establish communications and ensure public safety.
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- Several individuals arrested yesterday at the protest site near Rexton NB appeared today in Moncton court. Several were released on conditions and others were held for bail hearings early next week.
- At 1500 hrs Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown held a news conference at J Division headquarters to share information on police operations from yesterday and to answer questions from media representatives.

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At approximately 1700 hrs the premier of New Brunswick met for several hours in Fredericton with aboriginal leaders. Unconfirmed reports are that an agreement was reached to ensure that no further road blockages would occur this weekend.

- As of 2100 hrs there are only two sites of partial road blockages in the Province.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-25

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-11-15 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-22, the NB Court of Queen's Bench granted an injunction order, until 2013-12-02, prohibiting protesters from hindering or interfering with the lawful exploration activities of SWN Resources Inc. (SWN). Because of the impediments prevalent on public highways in previous protests, the Department of the Attorney General joined in this injunction.
- J Division developed, and imposed on SWN and its contractors, a clear contact protocol to ensure timely and thorough communications between exploration companies and the RCMP.
- On 2013-11-25, a SWN contractor began laying geophones in preparation for testing by vibration trucks on 2013-11-26.
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- In preparation for potential protests on 2013-11-26, RCMP resources have been brought in from outside the division.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-16

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-11 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- The injunction order obtained by counsel for SWN Resources Inc. has not been served. Personal service to site protesters is planned for 2013-10-17. In lieu of personal service, deemed service by newspaper will be effective 2013-10-18. Accordingly, at 0930 hrs 13-10-18, when SWN counsel appears in court to seek extension of the injunction order, the order will have been deemed to be served to all parties via newspaper publication.
- The working group contemplated through the meetings held between the Premier of New Brunswick and Elsipogtog First Nation leaders did not materialize to a point of meaningful input on resolution.
- The private firm (ISL) at the compound charged with maintaining security of the equipment was obstructed from making a shift change today at 0630 hrs. The security night shift remains on-duty inside the compound. Verbal threats have been received by employees from camouflaged protesters. If attempts to facilitate a shift change fail, plans are being developed to extract the employees and replace them with RCMP members.
- Camouflaged protestors have been monitoring police activity along Hwy 11 near an ATV trail which leads to the SWN equipment compound.
- Negotiators and community liaison members have encountered stiff resistance and soured attitudes and a controlling demeanor amongst the protestors.
- The camouflaged group (aka Warriors) has demanded a meeting with Elsipogtog Chief & Council but it appears that the Elsipogtog First Nation is not directly connected with the objectives of the site protesters.

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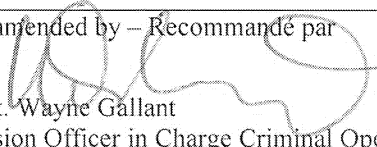
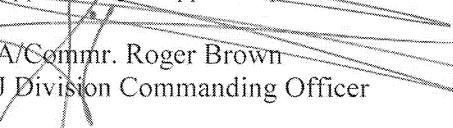
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- The RCMP has adequate resources in the area to keep the peace and regulate traffic. Extra resources are en route to be available at the protest scene or on stand-by status.
- An operational plan has been developed to deal with potential site issues and flashpoints elsewhere.
- A Tactical intervention plan to resolve the situation is also in place.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A J Division strategic communications plan is in place and ongoing consultation on that plan is taking place with Executive Director of Public Affairs, Mr. Daniel Lavoie.

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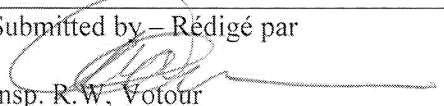
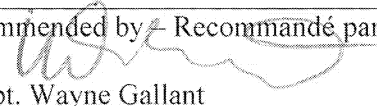
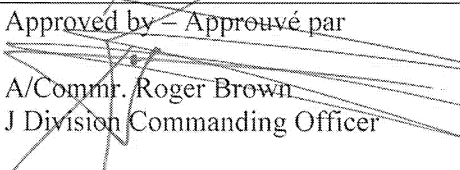
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#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-10-16 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

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- As of 1345 hrs five (5) police vehicles have been set on fire.
- Total approximate police resources deployed; 285 which includes resources from H and C Divisions. There are no reported injuries to police resources.
- SWN Resources Inc. equipment has been moved from the compound.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-06

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-10-21 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

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- Some protesters arrested at the site of the take-down remain remanded in custody, without bail. Others have been released on conditions.
- Protests, including one during the opening of the New Brunswick Legislature in Fredericton on 2013-11-05, are ongoing but subdued.
- On 2013-11-04, a contractor for SWN Resources, Inc. (SWN) commenced water testing of wells of land owners in the southeast area of New Brunswick. Testing is done with consent of the landowners. No issues have arisen to date.
- SWN, which has been idle and away from the area since the last briefing, is planning to resume exploration activities on 2013-11-12. Given the information from various sources, the RCMP expects protests and is preparing for potential violence as a result of the reactivation of SWN equipment in the area.
- SWN advises that they will apply for an injunction order if attempts are made by activists to curtail their activities.

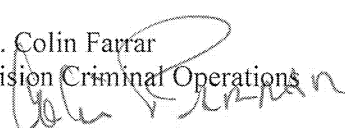
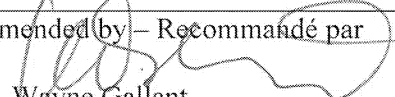
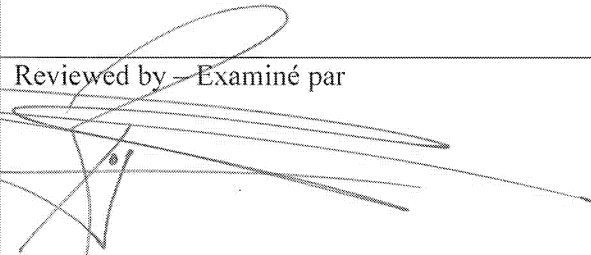
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- As a result of a written request from SWN for guarantees of safety to employees and contractors, the RCMP responded on this date, indicating that absolute assurances could not be given as operational discretion, based on assessments of fluid situations, would dictate the potential for the RCMP to maintain order in the face of violence.

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## COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING NOTE UPDATE

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-28

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-11-26 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-27, with some attempts at interference from protesters, vibration trucks carried out planned work until mid-afternoon, halting then because of bad weather.
- On 2013-11-27, three protesters were arrested for violating the injunction order, which imposes limits on distances of protesters from equipment. They will be released on appropriate conditions to prevent their return to the work site.
- On 2013-11-27, a protocol for arrest and release of protesters under criminal contempt of court (s.127 CC) was finalized in consultation with the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- On 2013-11-28, vibe trucks will be approaching the location of the protesters encampment. Enhanced protesting is expected. RCMP resources have been adjusted accordingly.
- It is expected that SWN Resources Inc. (SWN) will not complete their work by the expiry of the present injunction order, i.e. on 2013-12-02. It is expected that counsel for SWN will apply for an extension of the order in the NB Court of Queens' Bench on 2013-11-29.

Submitted by – Rédigé par S/Sgt. Colin Farrar J Division Criminal Operations <i>Colin Farrar</i>	Date 13-11-26	Recommended by – Recommandé par C/Supt. Wayne Gallant J Division Officer in Charge Criminal Operations <i>W. Gallant</i>	Date 13-11-26
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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-08

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-04 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- The injunction order obtained by counsel for SWN Resources Inc. is yet to be served as other strategies, based on cooperation of all involved parties, are being pursued. SWN will not initiate the injunction order route at this time.
- On 2013-10-06 and 2013-10-07, meetings were held between the Premier of New Brunswick and Elsipogtog First Nation leaders. There is an agreement to enter into a consultation phase on the Shale Gas Explorations in New Brunswick.
- An IDLE NO MORE day feast/turkey supper took place at the protest site on 2013-10-07 with 225-250 people, including members of the Bacchus OMG, present. The purpose of the OMG visit is not yet known. By 19:30, there were about 50 people left at the site.
- At the feast the Chief of the Eskasoni First Nation in Nova Scotia spoke to the crowd. His message was to maintain peace.
- SWN Resources Inc. and Elsipogtog First Nation representatives met during the evening of 2013-10-07. The meeting resulted in a resolution that a working group composed of all interested parties will be formed to address the present Shale Gas stalemate.
- At this time there is no change in the blockade of the compound itself.
- At this time there are no suspects related to the incident of shots fired at a truck transporting fish through an area near the demonstration on 2013-10-02.

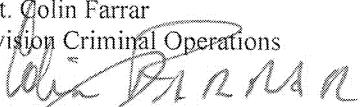
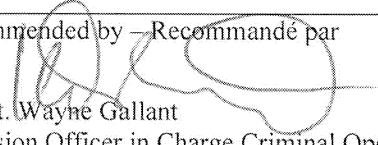
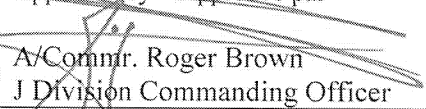
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- The private firm at the compound is having no issues in maintaining security of the equipment.
- The RCMP has adequate resources in the area to deal with any potential break in the present peaceful stance of the demonstrators.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-29 PM

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-11-28 PM regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-29, vibration trucks carried out planned work until approximately 15:30 hrs. Work will resume tomorrow (Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>).
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- Highway 11 was closed for very a short period following the arrests for safety reasons. Traffic was rerouted without incident during that time.
- The protest group reformed at 14:55 hrs near the Co-Op in Richibucto. Several protestors were observed putting rocks in their pockets. Traffic was re-routed along Highway 134 at 15:05 hrs.

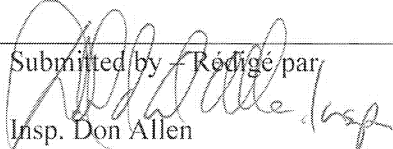

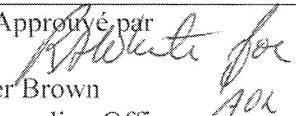
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- Protestors blocked Highway 11 at 15:25 hrs after traffic was re-routed.
- At 15:35 hrs there were approximately 75 protestors walking down the highway towards the trucks. SWN decided to cease operations for the day and the trucks left the scene.
- The Highway was re-opened at 15:40 hrs.
- Counsel for SWN will apply for an extension of the order in the NB Court of Queens' Bench on 2013-12-02.

Submitted by – Rédigé par  Insp. Don Allen J Division DEOC Incident Director	Date 13-11-29	Recommended by – Recommandé par  Supt. Ross A. White Acting J Division Officer in Charge Criminal Operations	Date 13-11-29
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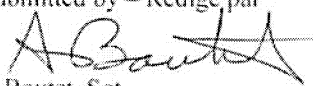
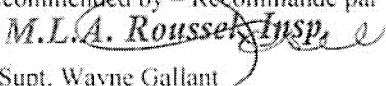
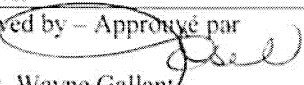
### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK UPDATED 2013-07-24

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on the BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-07-05 in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- SWN Resources is completing its testing activities on Line 5, near Pleasant Ridge Road, west of Rogersville, NB. They are expecting to be done by Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, with additional days for clean-up activities. Reported damage last week by SWN amounted to \$22,000.
- At a meeting between SWN officials and Elsipogtog Chief and Council, a request was made to postpone further exploration activities until after the Sundance Festival which will be held from July 24<sup>th</sup> until July 28<sup>th</sup>. SWN confirmed that they will not stop their operations.
- Efforts made to gather more support for the anti shale gas movement have resulted in little success. The protestors remain determined and event organizers continue to disseminate calls for action.
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Submitted by – Rédigé par  A. Boutet, Sgt. Reviewer	Date 2013/07/24	Recommended by – Recommandé par  (FOR) C/Supt. Wayne Gallant Officer in Charge J Div. Criminal Operations	Date 2013/07-24
Approved by – Approuvé par  C/Supt. Wayne Gallant Acting J Division Commanding Officer	Date 2013/07-24	Reviewed by – Examiné par	Date



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## **STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:**

- **SWN has applied to the province for a license to resume its operations, starting in September, work will resume along Line 4 and Highway 11. As this area is located closer to Elsipogtog First Nations Reserve more opposition is expected once this works begins.**
- **Given the new timelines, the RCMP Incident Commander will reassess the need for resources. Regular patrols are being conducted near the work site areas to ensure public safety and crime prevention.**



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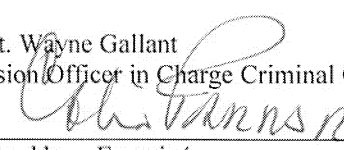
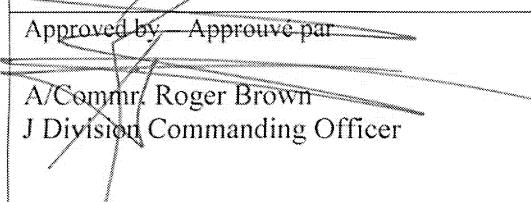
UPDATED 2013-10-04

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-03 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Counsel for SWN Resources Inc. has obtained an injunction order to prohibit blockage of access to working sites. The order is directed at named and unknown protesters and contains an enforcement provision that authorizes the RCMP to arrest persons who fail to abide by the order of the court. Operational strategies will determine if, when and how this order will be enforced. While the order has not been served at this time by process servers, some persons have left the area upon hearing of its existence via social media.
- Determined protesters remain on-site.
- Private security personnel continue to be deployed within the equipment compound but have concern for their security. Options are being explored.
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- Potential avenues of negotiation that could reach the protesters have surfaced and are being explored.

Submitted by – Rédigé par S/Sgt. Colin Farrar J Division Criminal Operations Legal Advisor 	Date 13-10-04	Recommended by – Recommandé par C/Supt. Wayne Gallant J Division Officer in Charge Criminal Operations 	Date 13-10-04
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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-07-05

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on the BN #2013 83622, dated 2013-06-25 in regards to the Shale Gas Exploration protest activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- SWN Resources recommenced their gas exploration operations on 2013-07-04, in an area 10 kms west of Rte 126 near Harcourt, NB.
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- Later in the afternoon of July 4 after the arrest occurred, approximately 30 protestors arrived near the SWN exploration work site and were peaceful.
- SWN workers carried out their work without incident and returned to work this morning, July 5. Patrols continue to be conducted.
- Online media reports of a warrior chief having been arrested are false.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION:

- A communication strategy is in place, all media enquiries are channeled through the "J" Division Media Relations Officer.

Submitted by – Rédigé par Supt. Ross White <i>R White</i> Acting, J Div. Officer in Charge Criminal Operations	Date 2013/07/05	Recommended by – Recommandé par Supt. Ross White <i>R White</i> Acting, J Div. Officer in Charge Criminal Operations	Date 2013/07-05
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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

#### ISSUE:

- Update to Briefing Note dated 2013-11-14

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Damage done to seismic testing gear yesterday delayed the resumption of testing today.
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- Geokinetics, a contractor working for SWN, decided, based on their own risk assessment, not to deploy their people or equipment today. As a result of this decision SWN had no choice but to cease operations.
- Elsipogtog FN has filed for an emergency injunction and is presently before the courts arguing the case that SWN activity, and the license issued by the Government is in contravention of their treaty rights as they were not adequately consulted. The judge will render her decision on Monday at 4 PM.

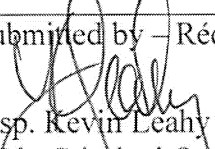
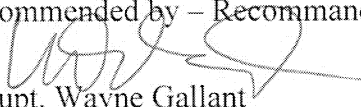
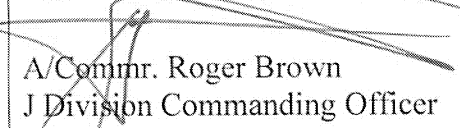
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#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

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#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- J Division has a communications plan in place and is monitoring the situation daily. Media interest remains high.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-19 0900 HRS

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Protesters remained at the location of the protest on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, slowing traffic. The number of protestors dwindled overnight in the damp cool weather. There were no reports of any incidents at this location and police are staying away.
- One road blockage remains at Route 134 Eel River Bar, local aboriginal rangers are manning this barricade, police are not involved. Event has been peaceful.
- At approx. 03h23 a flammable substance was thrown in the direction of the Elsipogtog Detachment and exploded. It later burnt out and no damage occurred to the Detachment. Members were not required to attend.
- The need for extra resources from outside the Division as well as from various units within J Division will be reevaluated today.
- Overall, the overnight period was very calm.

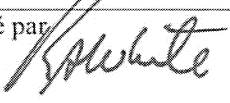
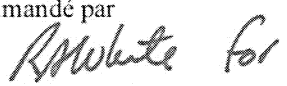

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- There are unconfirmed reports that other Aboriginal sympathizers may travel to New Brunswick to support Shale Gas protestors here.
- Two peaceful protest events are advertised for today, one in Moncton and the other in Sackville, New Brunswick.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-11-28

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-11-26 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-11-27, with some attempts at interference from protesters, vibration trucks carried out planned work until mid-afternoon, halting then because of bad weather.
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- On 2013-11-27, a protocol for arrest and release of protesters under criminal contempt of court (s.127 CC) was finalized in consultation with the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- On 2013-11-28, vibe trucks will be approaching the location of the protesters encampment. Enhanced protesting is expected. RCMP resources have been adjusted accordingly.
- It is expected that SWN Resources Inc. (SWN) will not complete their work by the expiry of the present injunction order, i.e. on 2013-12-02. It is expected that counsel for SWN will apply for an extension of the order in the NB Court of Queens' Bench on 2013-11-29.

Submitted by – Rédigé par S/Sgt. Colin Farrar J Division Criminal Operations <i>Colin Farrar</i>	Date 13-11-26	Recommended by – Recommandé par C/Supt. Wayne Gallant J Division Officer in Charge Criminal Operations <i>Wayne Gallant</i>	Date 13-11-26
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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-12-06

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated 2013-12-05 PM regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- On 2013-12-06, while some protesters are beginning to gather, vibration trucks, having completed their work for 2013, are being moved out of the area for the final time.
- Arrangements are being made by SWN Resources Inc. for clean-up of equipment and remedial repair to any disturbed land. That is expected to be completed in a day or two.
- RCMP resources will be released as the exploration clean-up winds down.
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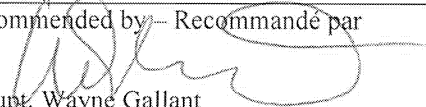
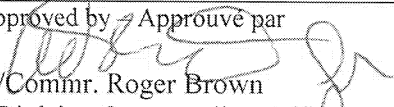
UPDATED 2013-10-11

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 dated 2013-10-08 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- The injunction order obtained by counsel for SWN Resources Inc. has been extended for ten days from this date and has not been served as other strategies, based on cooperation of all involved parties, are being pursued. SWN will not initiate service of the injunction until at least 2013-10-10, if need be, given that there is some apparent lapse in the hard-lines formerly taken by the protesters.
- On 2013-10-06 and 2013-10-07, the meetings were held between the Premier of New Brunswick and Elsipogtog First Nation leaders. The agreement to enter into consultation is in a pause phase as First Nation leaders have not been present in their community.
- There is a better mood at the protest scene with more communication between the police and the RCMP.
- With the cooperation of protesters, highway 134 will soon be open to one-lane traffic.
- The private firm at the compound is maintaining security of the equipment without any interference by protesters.
- The RCMP has adequate resources in the area to keep the peace and regulate traffic in the area.

Submitted by – Rédigé par S/Sgt. Colin Farrar J Division Criminal Operations Legal Advisor 	Date 13-10-11	Recommended by – Recommandé par  C/Supt. Wayne Gallant J Division Officer in Charge Criminal Operations	Date 13-10-11
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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

UPDATED 2013-10-19 18:00 HRS

#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #201383622 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- Protesters remained at the location of the protest on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. By 11:00 hrs, the campsite was reorganized. Approximately 20 tents had been re-arranged and 5 larger ones constructed. At that time one lane on Highway 134 was blocked.
- Shortly afterwards protestors started tearing down sections of the chain link fence compound where SWN vehicles had been kept. The fencing was placed on both sides of highway 134.
- At 12:10 hours reports were received that three media vehicles (Sun media, CTV and Global) had been stopped. Protestors tried to drag people from the vehicles. The Sun media vehicle was allowed to leave. The other vehicles were not. The media personnel all left shaken, but unharmed. The Global vehicle was driven away by protestors and later brought back to where the CTV truck was.
- At 13:07 hrs reports came in that the Elsipogtog Detachment was being vandalized and windows broken. Entry was suspected, however, the alarm has not gone off. (we are attempting to confirm if the alarm is operational). Of concern is that there is a base station radio in the building.

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- Media personnel did receive calls to say they could come get their vehicles.  
CTV was advised directly by former chief Susanne Levi-Peters to come get the CTV truck
- At 13:35 hrs Highway 134 was completely blocked.
- At 14:35 hrs Highway 11 was also completely blocked.
- There was a peaceful protest near Woodstock, NB between 12:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs without any issues.
- At 15:55 hrs, Highway 11 was opened again and Highway 134 had one lane opened, with approximately 200 people and 75 vehicles on scene.
- At approximately 16:50 hrs Global News retrieved their vehicle without police involvement.
- One road blockage remains at Route 134 Eel River Bar, local aboriginal rangers are manning this barricade, police are not involved. Event has been peaceful.
- There was a peaceful protest on a highway overpass near Sackville, NB.
- There is another peaceful protest on Mountain Road in Moncton, NB. The protest started around noon. The crowd was as high as 100 at its peak, but has dwindled to 10. No issues reported.
- There have been reports that people from outside of the Province plan to come and lend support. We are in the process of trying to confirm these reports.
- At 16:46 hrs S/Sgt Steve Halliday of "H" Division confirmed that approximately 20 protestors from Pictou Landing First Nation are headed to New Brunswick. Those en route are described as non-violent and not connected to the Warriors Society, however, Chief Andrea Paul has expressed concern about the impact of outside influence causing tensions to rise.

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- At 17:09 hrs the DEOC was advised that the pedestrian bridge under the north side of the highway 11 overpass had been set on fire. The bridge was not destroyed. The fire was put out and only 2 to 3 metres of the bridge was damaged.
- At 17:47 hours DEOC was advised that there is a protest at Highway 11 near Burnt Church, NB. There are 12 people with Warrior flags on scene.
- At 18:00 hrs CTV retrieved their vehicle. No RCMP members were involved in removing the vehicle, but, were nearby for safety reasons.

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### SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

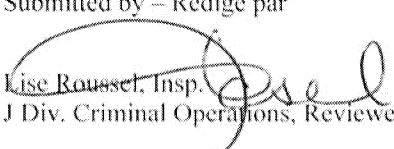
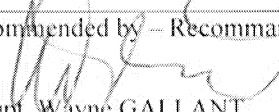
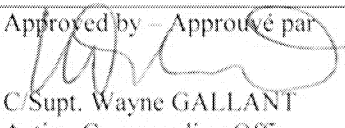
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#### ISSUE:

- To provide an update on BN #2013 83622 dated the 2013-07-29 regarding the Shale Gas Exploration protests activities in New Brunswick.

#### CURRENT STATUS:

- SWN resources had postponed their exploration activities after protesters, including the more militant faction arrived at the "Skidoo shack" on 2013-07-28. "J" Division is in the process of regaining control of the area.
- Police presence is being maintained in the areas of Hwy #116 and Hwy#126 as well as in Elsipogtog First Nation community.
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- On 2013-07-30 at 09:000hrs, at the request of RCMP negotiators, a meeting took place in the community of Elsipogtog between our negotiators and community and protest leaders.

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- A second meeting was held in Elsipogtog at 13:00hrs where an agreement was reached to allow SWN back into their worksite to collect their equipment and complete their work. It was discussed that the arrests of individuals who did not commit violence or damage to property would not result in charges. These were arrests of individuals who were blocking vehicles with passive resistance and caused no other issues. Other charges would proceed and a number of investigations would continue.
- The members present at the community meeting felt that some of the protesters appeared to have a change in attitude and showed more support for the role of the police in these matters.
- It was also reported that Pictou was asked by another member of the Elsipogtog First Nation to leave the meeting as the people of this First Nation community are not comfortable with the position that Pictou is taking in these protests.
- Part of the agreement reached includes SWN training to members of Elsipogtog First Nation in order that they may accompany the crew on-site in order to monitor SWN's actions. These community members will be vetted by the RCMP. Under the regulations of WorkSafe NB, no one is allowed near the worksites unless they have received this training. The training is only expected to take three (3) hours.
- Planning is under way to ensure adequate human resources are available in the event that police intervention is necessary.
- Our Crisis Negotiation Team have expressed confidence in the negotiations of 2013-07-30 and combined with the fact that people know that SWN has completed their Exploration activities for now, they feel that the company will be allowed to carry-on with the clean-up stage without incident.
- 2013-07-31, at the Shale Gas briefing of this morning, aerial surveillance and patrols by our members indicates that there are no protesters left in the area. SWN will move in to proceed with clean-up operations.

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- “J” Division CROPS has also been made aware this morning that a Public Complaint has been lodged by a group in Halifax identifying themselves as the Halifax Coalition Against Fracking. CPC has taken over this complaint as part of a Public Interest Investigation.


#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- SWN company officials have been advised of the proposal made on this date and they agree to the plan.
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- SWN plans on resuming their shale gas exploration activities in September 2013 on a line closer to Elsipogtog First nation and a second line along HWY 11 which is a major highway running along the East Coast of NB. J-Division will plan accordingly.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A communication strategy is in place, media interest in the issue is continuing. A Media Relations Officer has been assigned as the contact person for the RCMP in this situation.
- There has been minimal interest in the past few days from the Media.

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Date: 2013-07-31 

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