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## Shell loses Arctic gamble: industry and Canadian government should change course

**28 September 2015 (Iqaluit, Nunavut)** – Reacting to the news that [Shell has abandoned its Arctic drilling program](#) after failing to find significant quantities of oil or gas, the head of Greenpeace Canada's Arctic campaign Jessica Wilson said:

“This is a major defeat for Shell, and a major victory for the millions of people around the world who stood up against them to protect the Arctic. Over the past few years Shell has wasted billions of dollars and suffered major reputational damage in its failed attempt to drill the Arctic Ocean. Oil companies seeking to drill for oil in the Canadian Arctic, whether it's seismic blasting in Baffin Bay or exploratory drilling in the Beaufort Sea, should take heed and understand that Arctic oil is too risky to ever be a good bet.

“This announcement from Shell should give hope and inspiration to all people fighting to protect the Arctic and working for a greener and more peaceful future. It shows that ordinary people can take on Big Oil and win. It gives us all the more reason to believe that the Inuit community of Clyde River can and will be successful in their fight to stop oil exploration in their waters.”

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### NOTE:

The Inuit community of Clyde River Nunavut is opposed to oil and gas exploration off their coast because of the negative impacts it would have on marine life and their right to hunt. Last year, they launched a judicial review to challenge a National Energy Board decision to allow seismic blasting in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait. The Federal Court of Appeal has since dismissed their case and they are now preparing to seek leave [to appeal at the Supreme Court of Canada](#).

### VIDEO

Link to download clip reel of Shell and the Save the Arctic campaign's protests, plus some background Arctic wildlife / beauty: <http://we.tl/iqPz47zX08>

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