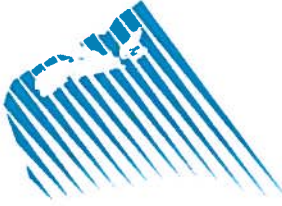


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 29 June 2015
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.
Reference: RQ-49, Offshore Steel Structure not to CSA Standards
Project: Shell Canada - Shelburne Basin Venture Exploration Drilling Project
Installation Name: Stena IceMAX
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 38(a) and (c), 39(c), and 40(2) and (3).

Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. has requested a deviation from the referenced CSA standards for the design and analysis of offshore steel structures in relation to the design arrangements for the Stena IceMAX. The rationale for the deviation is:

- The installation is designed, fabricated and constructed in accordance with DNV Class Rules, 1989 MODU Code with Amendments 2001, and Flag State Requirements (UK).
- Installation design includes considerations for harsh environments.
- A Spectral Fatigue Analysis was conducted for the Stena IceMAX's hull structures.

The Certifying Authority concurs that the proposal meets the requirements of Certificate of Fitness Regulations Section 4(2)(a)(ii).

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Installation Regulations, Sections 38(a) and (c), 39(c), and 40(2) and (3), and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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Chief Safety Officer