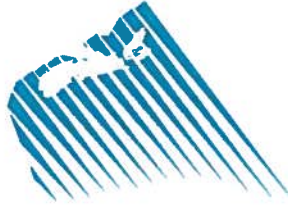


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 25 November 2013
Applicant: Encana
Reference: RQF-068, Hot Work in Amine Contactor
Project: Deep Panuke
Installation Name: Production Field Centre
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources
Accord Implementation Act, Section 155(1)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations,
Section 8(2) and 8(4)

Decision:

Encana has requested an exemption from the prohibition of hot work within 50m of a well, an oil storage tank or other source of ignitable vapour, or hot work within 25m of a process vessel. The rationale for such an exemption is:

- Gas production on the platform has ceased and the process stream is de-pressured.
- Welding equipment will be connected to the fire and gas equipment isolation system.
- The task risk assessment and hot work permit process will assure that all associated risks are assessed and mitigated.

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

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants an exemption from the Installation Regulations, Section 8(2) and 8(4), and is satisfied that this arrangement provides an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

Keith Landra, P. Eng., CRSP
Chief Safety Officer