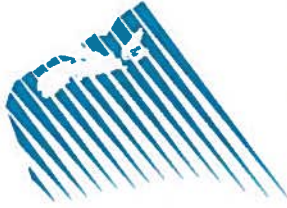


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 2 April 2015
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.
Reference: RQ-08, Accommodations External Doors' Airlocks
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, Section 10(9)(b)

Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. has requested an exemption from the requirement for all accommodations external doors to have an airlock arrangement. The rationale for such an exemption is that:

- All doors are self-closing and provide a seal against gas ingress
- The accommodations block is maintained at a positive pressure relative to the outside
- The installation's heading is maintained into the wind and the accommodation block is at the forward end of the installation, thus the accommodations block is upwind of any gas releases

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 an exemption from the Installation Regulations, Sections 10(9)(b), 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