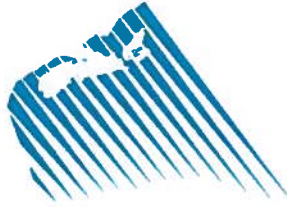


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 20 April 2015
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.
Reference: RQ-26, Rescue Basket
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 22(1)(f)(iii)

Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. has requested an exemption from the requirement for the Stena IceMAX to be provided with a six-person rescue basket as noted in the Regulation. The rationale for such an exemption is that:

- The dedicated standby vessel is with the installation at all times, complete with fast rescue craft, Dacon scoop, scramble nets, rescue hooks and life buoys.
- The Stena IceMAX also has its fast rescue craft and crew.
- The Stena IceMAX also has lifeboats that are certified as rescue boats.
- Search and rescue resources are available from onshore complete with hoisting abilities.

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, Section 22(1)(f)(iii), and is satisfied that this arrangement provides an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.



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Chief Safety Officer