



Public Notice



Diving Certificates

March 7, 2003

The Newfoundland Offshore Area Petroleum Diving Regulations and the Nova Scotia Offshore Area Petroleum Diving Regulations (the Diving Regulations) apply to diving operations related to petroleum activities in the Newfoundland and Nova Scotia Offshore Areas. These operations are authorized by the Canada Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board and the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (The Boards). The Diving Regulations require that Divers, Diving Supervisors and other specified personnel, engaged in petroleum diving operations must hold a valid certificate issued by the Chief Safety Officer, who has jurisdiction pursuant to the regulations. However, the legislation provides for the Chief Safety Officer to authorize the use of equivalent measures and standards in lieu of any required by regulations. Thus diving personnel may alternatively hold a certificate issued on the basis of training and experience that is equivalent to that specified in the regulations.

The public is, hereby, notified that effective March 31, 2003 the Boards will no longer issue certificates pursuant to the diving regulations but will, in accordance with the legislation and with the terms of Memoranda of Understanding between the Boards and the Diver Certification Board of Canada (DCBC) accept certificates issued by the DCBC. Valid certificates issued prior to March 31, 2003 will continue to be accepted by the Board, which issued the certificate. However, in order to provide for a generally acceptable "Canadian" certificate all diving personnel are encouraged to apply for a DCBC certificate.

In consequence of the foregoing all individuals, who are interested in seeking certification or re-certification in any position specified by the Diving Regulations, should contact the DCBC, at the address shown below, to obtain information on the submission of applications and processing fees.

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