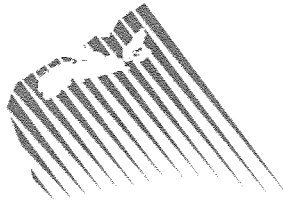


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Chief Conservation Officer Decision

Decision Date: 31 March 2015

Applicant: Shell Canada Limited

Reference: NS24-S6-3E – Requirement to Retain in Canada Seismic Sections on Reproducible Film

Project: Shell Geophysical Program NS24-S6-3E

Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a).

Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Area Petroleum Geophysical Operations Regulations, Sections 26(7) and 26(8)

Decision:

Shell Canada Limited has requested a deviation from the requirement to retain in Canada seismic sections on reproducible film. In addition, the applicant has requested an exemption from the requirement that the Chief Conservation Officer approve the destruction or removal from Canada of the above seismic sections on reproducible film. In accordance with the *Geophysical, Geological, Geotechnical and Environmental Program Guidelines* the applicant will submit high quality digital seismic images (e.g. TIFF files) which provide a modern digital equivalent to the reproducible film seismic sections required to be retained by the Geophysical Regulations.

The Chief Conservation Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Geophysical Regulations, Sections 26(7), and is satisfied that digital seismic images provide a modern digital equivalent to the reproducible film seismic sections required to be retained by the Regulations. The Chief Conservation Officer hereby grants an exemption from the Geophysical Regulations, Section 26(8), as described above, the applicant will not be creating and retaining reproducible film seismic sections therefore this regulation is not applicable.

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Chief Conservation Officer