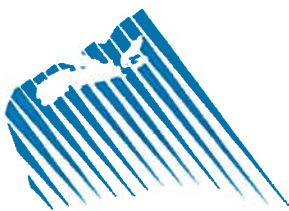


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 04 January 2016
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.
Reference: RQ-A8, Shaker House Operating Room
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 9(4)(a) and Section 19(a).

Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. has requested a deviation from Section 9(4)(a), requiring an access to an enclosed area from a hazardous area be fitted with a self-closing gastight door that opens into the enclosed area, and Section 19(a), requiring every work area to have two well-marked separate escape routes. Rationale for acceptance of the deviation is as follows:

The gastight door exiting the enclosed space swings in the wrong direction, i.e. from the enclosed space into a hazardous area. However, the enclosed space is under positive air pressure, and the door swings in the direction of emergency escape as required by Section 19(e) of the Installation Regulations.

The enclosed space is monitored and protected from expected hazards, and is equipped with alarms, communications, and a breathing apparatus for escape purposes. The exit from the enclosed space provides access to two escape routes in the adjacent work area.

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 a deviation from the Installation Regulations, Section 9(4)(a) and Section 19(a), and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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Chief Safety Officer