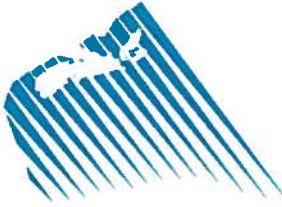


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 21 April 2015
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.
Reference: RQ-21, Escape Routes
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 19(a)

Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. has requested an exemption from the requirement that the Stena IceMAX be provided with two escape routes from the following six spaces:

- Agitator rooms (port and starboard)– accessed for inspection/maintenance only
- Bosun locker forward – locked store, accessed for supplies only
- Ballast pump room - accessed for inspection/maintenance only
- Top of battery room - accessed for inspection/maintenance only
- Exit from set-back finger-board platform - accessed for inspection/maintenance only

The rationale for such an exemption is that the above spaces are not normally manned but only visited periodically for short durations. Additional administrative controls for these spaces will include:

- The entrance to the above spaces will be provided with signs indicating that entry to the space requires control room permission; the occupancy will be logged by the control room for reference (e.g. during emergency response).
- Any significant work in the spaces will be managed by the control of work procedures and the associated risk analysis and mitigation measures.

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 19(a), 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