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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 14 March 2018
Applicant: Seadrill Canada Ltd.
Reference: WAQ-NS-RQ8 (Rev 0) – Ventilation of Hazardous Spaces
Project: BP-Offshore Nova Scotia 2018
Installation Name: West Aquarius
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 10(9)(b)

Decision:

Seadrill Canada Ltd. has requested a deviation from requirements of Section 10(9)(b) which requires the control station and accommodations areas on an installation to be maintained at positive pressure and have airlock arrangements. Identified accommodations exits on the West Aquarius do not have airlocks.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the West Aquarius is designed and constructed in accordance with DNV Rules and the IMO MODU Code. Additional considerations include monitoring and alarms to ensure the accommodation block is maintained at positive pressure, as well as maintenance and testing to ensure the integrity of the Temporary Safe Refuge arrangements.

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 10(9)(b) 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