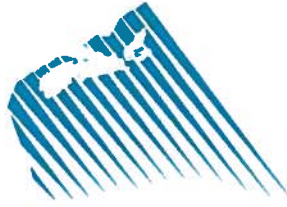


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 19 October, 2012
Applicant: Encana
Reference: RQF-066, Global Marine Distress Safety System
Project: Deep Panuke
Installation Name: Production Field Centre
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources
Accord Implementation Act, Section 155(1)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 18(1), 36 (2) and (4).

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer authorizes Encana, the operator for the Deep Panuke project, to modify the Global Marine Distress Safety System (GMDSS) on the Production Field Center. Specifically this RQF authorizes the Operator to link the GMDSS to the platform fire and gas shutdown system, bypassing the GMDSS battery system and thereby disabling any potential source of ignition, in a situation of confirmed gas detection. The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a substitution from the above Regulation and is satisfied that this arrangement provides an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

Dave Scratch
Chief Safety Officer