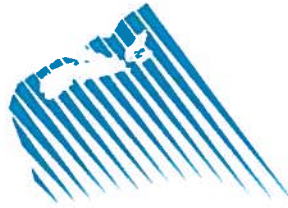


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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 26 May 2015  
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.  
Reference: RQ-54, Combustible Materials  
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)(b).  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 49(2)  
Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. has requested an exemption from the requirement of Section 49(2), that non-combustible materials be used on an installation. The rationale to accept the use of plastic-based piping in specific applications on the Stena IceMAX includes:

- PVC or plastic piping used for domestic service within the accommodation, which is protected by fire systems
- glass reinforced plastic (GRP) piping used for ballast water and brine systems in locations not considered high-risk fire areas
- the piping is certified as low-flame spread and installed in accordance with DNV Class Rules

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 Installation Regulations, Section 49(2), and is satisfied that this arrangement provides an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

Robert Normore, B.Tech., CRSP  
Chief Safety Officer