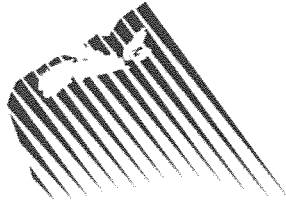


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 05 August 2015
Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.
Reference: RQ-75, Drilling and Hoisting Equipment Standard
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 210.07(1)
Regulation: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations, Sections 209(1) and (2)

Decision:

Stena Drilling Ltd. (Stena) is requesting acceptance of existing arrangements for the offshore cranes, and for the drilling and production hoisting equipment, rather than arrangements in accordance with the API standard as required in Sections 209(1) and (2) of the regulation. The rationale for such a deviation is:

- The offshore cranes are designed, constructed, commissioned and certified in accordance with DNV Class Rules.
- The drilling and production hoisting equipment is designed, manufactured and commissioned in accordance with DNV Offshore Standards.
- The offshore cranes and hoisting equipment are maintained in accordance with original equipment manufacturers (OEM) requirements.
- Consideration of a related deviation (RQ-19, Crane Design Standard) granted from the Installation Regulations, Section 16.

The workforce has been consulted and considers Stena's request acceptable. No concerns were identified during the public comment period.

The Certifying Authority concurs that the proposal meets the requirements of Certificate of Fitness Regulations Section 4(2)(a)(ii).

The Chief Safety Officer is satisfied that the protection of the health and safety of employees is not diminished by these arrangements, and hereby grants a deviation from Sections 209(1) and (2) of the regulation.

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Chief Safety Officer