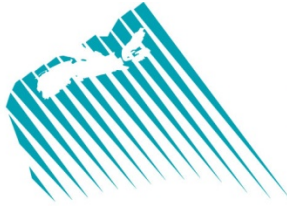


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 21 November 2017
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-2017-FS-001 Deluge System – Manual in Lieu of Automatic Operation
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project
Installation Name: Noble Regina Allen
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(b).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 25(4)(a)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Section 25(4)(a) which requires a water deluge system to operate automatically in response to a signal from the fire detection system.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Noble Regina Allen is constructed in accordance with 2009 IMO MODU Code and 2008 ABS MODU Rules, and by reference, the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS). Considerations include the locations where manual activation is required and the arrangements for manual activation.

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

The following condition must be met:

- If equipment is to be installed in the well test area, deluge and fire monitor coverage to be reviewed, tested and accepted by the Certifying Authority prior to putting the equipment into service.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from Section 25(4)(a) of the Installation Regulations, and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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