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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 18 December 2017
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-2017-HZ-002 Hot Work – Under Permit during Operations
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)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 8(2) & 8(3)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 8(2) and 8(3) which relate to potential sources of ignition within specified distances of a well, oil storage tank, or other source of ignitable vapour.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Noble Regina Allen will likely have operational or maintenance circumstances arising that may require hot work activity, and that such work will be conducted under a permit to work system with appropriate controls and mitigation to prevent accidental ignition of ignitable vapours.

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

Acceptance of the deviation is also conditional on the following items when rig is on location at an installation:

- 1) Established work management system bridging documents are to be utilized when considering permits for approval.
- 2) That the Fire & Gas, Alarms and ESD signals be established and tested between the Rig and Installation prior to hot work commencing, except in the case that all the wells on the installation are isolated below the seabed.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from Sections 8(2) and 8(3) 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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Chief Safety Officer