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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 09 November 2017
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-2017-HZ-006 R1 Doors to Enclosed Areas
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, Section 10(9)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Section 10(9) which requires the control station and accommodations areas on an installation to be maintained at positive pressure and have airlock arrangements.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Noble Regina Allen is designed and constructed in accordance with 2009 IMO MODU Code and 2008 ABS MODU Rules. Additional considerations include the accommodation block being maintained at positive pressure, leak tests for Temporary Safe Refuge arrangements, and use of API RP505 for classification of Hazardous Zones.

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 a deviation from Section 10(9) 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