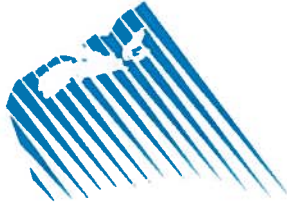


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 18 September 2017

Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation

Reference: NRA-2017-CN-003 - Two Means of Escape – Alternate Standards

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, Sections 19(a) and 19(d)


Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 19(a) and 19(d) which require work areas on manned installations to have two separate escape routes, and for certain corridors, accommodations areas, and work areas to have two exits that lead to escape routes.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Noble Regina Allen is designed in accordance with ABS Rules and the IMO MODU Code, which provide an alternate approach in considering arrangements for multiple means of exit and escape. Additional considerations for the identified areas and mitigations include expected occupancy, activity, conditions and practicability.

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 Sections 19(a) and 19(d) 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