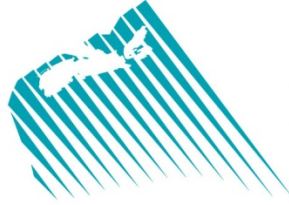


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 09 November 2017
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-2017-OP-004 Maintenance Regime
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 Drilling & Production Regulations, Section 25(b)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Section 25(b) requiring maintenance on critical drilling equipment at an interval to ensure safe operation of the equipment and the installation, and at least once per five-year period.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the proposed two-year certificates of service for the specified drilling equipment will ensure safe operation of the equipment and the installation. Considerations include the overall age and minimal operating hours of the equipment, along with current condition of the equipment as assessed by engineering specialists and original equipment manufacturer.

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 ongoing validity of the certificates of service and their acceptance by the Certifying Authority.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from Section 25(b) of the Drilling and Production 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