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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 07 September 2018
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-2018-OP-008 - Explosives Allowance on Noble Regina Allen
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project
Installation Name: Noble Regina Allen
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 210.07(1).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Transitional Regulations 138 (3 & 4)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 138 (3) and (4), which relate to the volume and storage of explosives on an installation.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the increased explosives volume will be arranged in the form of purpose-designed pre-loaded gun-carrier units, which will be kept separate from the explosive detonators until immediately prior to use. The gun-carrier units protect the tubing conveyed perforating guns from damage, are locked, and are stored in their shipping baskets in a designated location on the installation.

The workforce has been consulted. No concerns were identified during the public comment period.

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 conditional on the following:

- At any time, the specified gun assemblies may be stored in either the primary or secondary location identified (not both), and no lifts are to be conducted over stored explosives.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Transitional Regulations Sections 138 (3) and (4), 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