

# CNSOPB



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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 23 July 2019  
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation  
Reference: NRA-2019-OP-001 R2 - 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 and 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 certificates of service for the specified drilling equipment will ensure safe operation of the equipment and the installation for the duration of the plug and abandonment program for the Sable Offshore Energy Project. Considerations include the overall age and 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 conditional on the following:

1. Assessments to be completed and results agreed by the Certifying Authority prior to current validity dates being reached or equipment is to be taken out of service, and
2. Updated OEM Certificates of Service (COS's) to be submitted to the CNSOPB once issued, and subject equipment must be maintained in accordance with the COS or be taken out of service.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations, Section 25(b), 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