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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 23 March 2018  
Applicant: Seadrill Canada Ltd.  
Reference: WAQ-NS-RQ18 (Rev 0) – Ladders, Stairways and Ramps  
Project: BP-Offshore Nova Scotia 2018  
Installation Name: West Aquarius  
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 210.07(1).  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional (OHST) Regulations, Section 10(1)

### Decision:

Seadrill Canada Ltd. has requested a deviation from Section 10(1), relating to ladder back scratchers for the West Aquarius that stop 2.3 m above the deck rather than 2.0 m above the deck as required.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the West Aquarius is designed and constructed in accordance with DNV Rules and the IMO MODU Code, and that the current arrangements consider overhead clearance and the potential for inadvertent contact by personnel.

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).

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the OHST Regulations, Section 10(1) and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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