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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 13 March 2018
Applicant: Seadrill Canada Ltd.
Reference: WAQ-NS-RQ16 (Rev 0) – Gas Detection Systems
Project: BP-Offshore Nova Scotia 2018
Installation Name: West Aquarius
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 32(5)

Decision:

Seadrill Canada Ltd. has requested a deviation from Section 32(5), requiring gas detection systems to be installed and operated in accordance with specified American Petroleum Institute (API) reference documents.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the gas detection system on the West Aquarius is designed, approved and constructed in accordance with 1989 IMO MODU Code and applicable DNV reference documents. The system is maintained in accordance with Class and Flag State requirements, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) recommendations, and company policies. Additional considerations include the hazardous area plans for the rig.

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 Installation Regulations, Section 32(5), 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