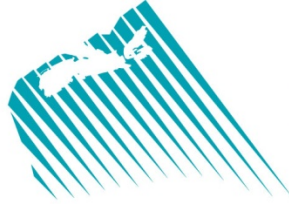


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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 10 May 2018  
Applicant: Seadrill Canada Ltd.  
Reference: WAQ-NS-RQ28 (Rev 0) Welding and Hot Work on West Aquarius  
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, Sections 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) & 8(4)

### Decision:

Seadrill Canada Ltd. has requested a deviation from Sections 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) & 8(4), which relate to potential sources of ignition within specified distances of a well, oil storage tank, process vessel, or other source of ignitable vapour.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the West Aquarius may require hot work to be conducted inside the dedicated welding shop, and in certain circumstances outside the welding shop, while connected to the well. Considerations include: rig design with respect to hazardous areas; welding shop design, equipment, protective systems; and control of work procedures which set out appropriate controls and mitigation to prevent accidental ignition of ignitable vapours.

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, Sections 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) & 8(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