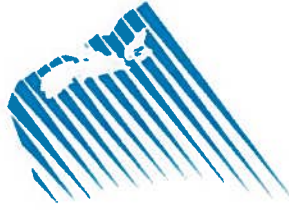


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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: January 10, 2019  
Applicant: ExxonMobil Canada Properties  
Reference: RQ-159 Rev. 1 – Fire Fighter Equipment  
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project  
Installation Name: Offshore Platforms  
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a) and 210.07(1)  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 30(1)(a)(i) and Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Transitional Regulations, Section 3(1)(a)(i)

### Decision:

ExxonMobil Canada Properties (Exxon) has requested a deviation to Section 30(1)(a)(i) of the Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations and Section 3(1)(a)(i) of the Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Transitional Regulations which require firefighter equipment (protective clothing - bunker gear) to be in accordance with specified National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Exxon proposes to replace bunker gear based on condition rather than 10 years after manufacture as set out in the standard.

Acceptance of this deviation is based on the rationale that the NFPA standard is intended to cause fire departments to update their bunker gear 10 years after manufacture out of concern for thermal and/or moisture barrier breakdown due to wear and tear of daily use. Bunker gear sets on Exxon's normally-unattended offshore platforms are stored in protected areas, receive minimal or no use and are not subject to the type of wear and tear intended by the NFPA standard. Bunker gear at Exxon's Thebaud Complex (a continuously-staffed offshore facility) is used and worn routinely by the fire team and heli-team and will be replaced based on wear and tear.

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 Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 30(1)(a)(i) and the Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Transitional Regulations, Section 3(1)(a)(i) and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the regulations.

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