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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 21 February 2018  
Applicant: ExxonMobil Canada Properties  
Reference: RQ-160 - Hot Work/Non-Flame Hot Work on Offshore Platforms  
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).  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 8(2), 8(3), & 8(4)

### Decision:

ExxonMobil Canada Properties has requested a deviation from Sections 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 offshore platforms for the Sable Offshore Energy Project will require hot work related to maintenance, repairs, and post production activities, and that such work will be conducted under a permit to work system with 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).

Acceptance of the deviation is conditional on the following:

- Hot work undertaken within a defined hazardous area must be conducted within a positively-pressurized habitat with an appropriately protected air inlet, and
- Should the specified "Safe Work Practice – Hot Work" document be revised, no hot work will proceed under the revised document until it has been reviewed and accepted by the Certifying Authority and the CSO.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Installation Regulations, Sections 8(2), 8(3), & 8(4), subject to the above conditions, and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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