

Notice to Operators

Light and Sound Signals on Fixed Offshore Platforms

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Section 21 (b) of the Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations references Sections (8), (9) and (10) of the Navigable Water Works Regulations as the regulatory requirements for light and sound signals on fixed offshore platforms. Operators have queried this requirement and a review of the matter has now been completed.

Following consultation with Marine Safety, Transport Canada, Canadian Coast Guard, the CNOPB, and Operators it was determined that the 'application of the Navigable Water Works Regulations is not appropriate for fixed platforms. The international practice for light and sound signals on fixed platforms is Rule 42, sections (c) and (e) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (Collision Regulations).

All Operators are hereby directed to ensure that any fixed platforms in the Nova Scotia offshore area are fitted with light and sound signals in accordance with the requirements of Rule 42, sections (c) and (e) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. This Notice constitutes authority for the use of the above standards in lieu of compliance with Section 21 (b) of the Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations.

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