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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 19 December 2019
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-DP-RQ-019 - Hot Work - Under Permit During Operations
Project: Deep Panuke
Installation Name: Noble Regina Allen
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) and 8(3)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 8(2) and 8(3) which relate to potential sources of ignition within specified distances of a well, oil storage tank, or other source of ignitable vapour.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Noble Regina Allen will likely have operational or maintenance circumstances arising that may require hot work activity, 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).

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from Sections 8(2) and 8(3) of the Installation Regulations, 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