Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 19 December 2019
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-DP-RQ-017 - Extinguishing System - Operational Status
Project: Deep Panuke
Installation Name: Noble Regina Allen
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(b).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 28(9) and 28(10)(b)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 28(9) and 28(10)(b), requiring each space protected by a fire extinguishing system to provide visual indication outside of the space of the operational status of the system, as well as an audible and visual signal outside the space when the system is operating.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale Nobel Regina Allen was designed and constructed to meet the 2008 ABS MODU Rules and 2009 IMO MODU Code. The required spaces are protected by water mist systems, and the IMO MODU Code refers to FSS Code, International Code for Alerts and Indicators, and Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) convention which detail the alarm/light features associated with the activation of the water mist system. Consideration has been given for the design of the extinguishing system, nature of the extinguishing medium, and alarm arrangements.

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 28(9) and 28(10)(b), 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