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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 08 January 2020  
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation  
Reference: NRA-DP-RQ-021 - Self Closing Doors - Manual Operation  
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 9(3) & 9(4)

### Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 9(3) and 9(4), which require self-closing gas tight doors in relation to adjacent spaces classified as hazardous areas.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Noble Regina Allen was designed and constructed with self-closing doors that require manual actuation for latching and sealing. Considerations include arrangements for monitoring and maintaining positive air pressure in non-hazardous areas, and identification and training related to doors requiring manual actuation.

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 Section 9(3) and 9(4) 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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