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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 19 December 2019
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-DP-RQ-033 - Life Rafts - Alternate Location for Rig Move
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 22(1)(b)(iii) & 63(1)(j)(viii)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Sections 22(1)(b)(iii) & 63(1)(j)(viii), which relate to arrangements for life rafts for an installation.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the primary means of abandonment (lifeboats) are unaffected, and that the temporary relocation of the life rafts while the Noble Regina Allen is under tow will prevent unintended activation of the life rafts' hydrostatic release mechanisms. Additional considerations include that the life rafts will continue to be available for use during towing operations, and that prior to towing, supplementary drawings will be provided and muster and abandonment drills will be conducted to ensure all personnel are familiar with the temporary life raft 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 22(1)(b)(iii) & 63(1)(j)(viii), and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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