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Safety Notice - Offshore Lifting Operations

This Safety Notice addresses safety concerns associated with offshore lifting operations and describes specific activities to be undertaken by Operators.

BACKGROUND

Two recently reported incidents offshore Nova Scotia involving offshore lifting operations have resulted in injury to riggers. In one incident, a rigger on a supply vessel was struck and pinned by tubulars while back loading and suffered injuries to his leg and foot. In a second incident, a rigger was struck by a drill collar while it was being placed on the main deck, and sustained minor injuries.

The Board's review of recent incidents has identified issues to be addressed by all Operators carrying out lifting operations.

ACTION REQUIRED

Operators shall complete an audit of their Crane Operator and Rigger training procedures, including those of contractors to ensure that, as a minimum, they meet the requirements of API RP2D 4th Edition, August 1999. The training procedure(s) shall as a minimum;

- Reference the appropriate section of API RP2D 4th Edition 1999.
- Describe all functions involved in safe lifting operations offshore.
- Identify all skills and knowledge to safely undertake the functions.
- Clearly establish training methods to achieve the necessary classroom and on-the-job training skills and knowledge.
- Identify methods of verifying that the training has been effective and the desired results have been achieved.

Operators shall complete a review of their safe lifting and cargo handling practices including those of contractors, to ensure current good industry practices are documented and followed.

REGULATORY REFERENCES

- Declaration of Operator
- Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 16
- Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Drilling Regulations, Section 107
- Offshore Petroleum Occupational Safety and Health Requirements, Element 1 – Part 3, Element 2-Part 14

You are advised that the Board may audit for compliance with this Safety Notice.

Questions regarding this Safety Notice should be directed to the CNSOPB, attention the undersigned.

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