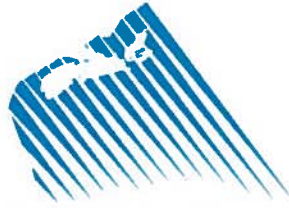


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## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: February 15, 2019  
Applicant: SBM Nova Scotia Contractors Inc.  
Reference: RQ-077 – Generic Welding, Cutting and Grinding  
Project: Encana - Deep Panuke  
Installation Name: Production Field Centre  
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a)  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 8(2)

### Decision:

SBM Nova Scotia Contractors Inc. (SBM) has requested a deviation to Section 8(2), intended to prevent unprotected open flames or ignition sources within 50 metres of a well or other source of ignitable vapour. The use of welding, grinding and cutting tools for hot work will be required for various purposes as a part of decommissioning work scopes.

Acceptance of this deviation is based on the rationale that the Production Field Centre has been isolated from the reservoir and the gas exporting system, and topsides hydrocarbon systems have been depressurized, drained and flushed. Additional considerations include safety systems remaining operational and use of existing management system practices relating to hot work.

Acceptance is conditional on hot work being conducted in accordance with SBM's specified hot work management system document, and with conditions set out by the Certifying Authority relating to hot work. Should the hot work document be revised, no hot work is to proceed until the revised document is reviewed and accepted by the Certifying Authority and provided to the CSO.

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 Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 8(2), subject to the above conditions, and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the regulations.

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