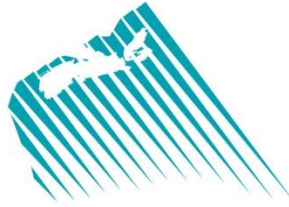


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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 23 April 2020
Applicant: SBM Nova Scotia Contractors Inc.
Reference: RQ-081, Rev. 2 – Escape Route Modifications
Project: Deep Panuke
Installation Name: Production Field Centre
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(b).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 19(a)

Decision:

SBM Nova Scotia Contractors Inc. (SBM) has requested a deviation from Section 19(a) which requires work areas on manned installations to have two separate well-marked escape routes.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the Production Field Centre (PFC) has identified spaces that need to be modified to provide structural stiffening and watertight integrity for the removal and transport phase of decommissioning. Considerations include limited use and controlled access to the identified spaces, along with the overall reduced activity and absence of hydrocarbon production related risks. Acceptance is conditional on confirmation of modified arrangements on completion, including changes to signage and egress markings.

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 an exemption from Section 19(a) 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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Chief Safety Officer