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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: June 10, 2020
Applicant: SBM Nova Scotia Contractors Inc.
Reference: RQ-082 Rev 1 Hull Penetration Closures
Project: Ovintiv - 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, Section 10(1)

Decision:

SBM Nova Scotia Contractors Inc. has requested a deviation to Section 10(1), relating to the ventilation of hazardous areas. Deep Panuke has entered the decommissioning phase, and in preparation for removal there is a requirement to close specified openings in the Production Field Centre hull to improve the watertight integrity.

Acceptance of this deviation is based on the rationale that gas detection and alarms remain operational, and risk mitigations will be undertaken, including monitoring of specified spaces, removal of specified hazardous products, and scheduling the hull closures to minimize duration of the deviations prior to jacking down and removal of the installation.

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 10(1), 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