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Safety Notice

Support Craft Guidance Standards Respecting Standby Vessels - TP 7920E

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Section 70 of the *Drilling and Production Regulations* requires that an Operator ensure that a suitable support craft is available at a manned installation. The Guidelines to the Drilling and Production Regulations state that a Letter of Compliance issued by Transport Canada, pursuant to the Standards Respecting Standby Vessels – TP 7920E, is a minimum prerequisite to demonstrate compliance to this Regulation.

Effective February 28, 2013, Transport Canada will no longer issue Letters of Compliance to the Standards Respecting Standby Vessels – TP 7920E.

As a result, effective March 1, 2013, the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board and the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (the “Boards”) will accept a letter from a Classification Society, that is an acknowledged Certifying Authority under the *Certificate of Fitness Regulations*, which attests that the vessel meets the standards detailed in TP 7920E.

Any questions regarding the interpretation of TP 7920E should be directed to the appropriate Board. In order to provide consistency for East Coast operations the Boards will consult on issues requiring interpretation to the Standard.

It should be noted that the Operator remains responsible to ensure that a support craft is suitable for its intended purpose.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact:

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