Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 20 March 2020
Applicant: Heerema Marine Contractors
Reference: HMC0477-CNSRQ-011 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project
Installation Name: SSCV Thialf
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 210.07(1).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations (OHST), Sections 59(3)(b)(i), 61(a), 172, and 173(1), (2) & (3)

Decision:

Heerema Marine Contractors (HMC) has requested a deviation from OHST Sections 59(3)(b)(i), 61(a), 172, and 173(1), (2) & (3), requiring personal protective equipment (PPE) for hearing protection, eye and face protection, and respiratory protection in accordance with specified Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that PPE used on SSCV Thialf is manufactured to alternative European and American standards. Considerations include review of submitted equipment specifications and sampling of PPE during vessel audit activities.

The workforce has been consulted. No concerns were identified during the public comment period.

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 OHST Sections 59(3)(b)(i), 61(a), 172, and 173(1), (2) & (3), and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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