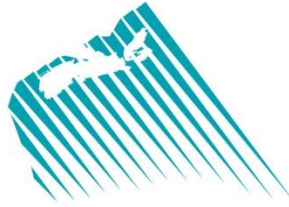


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OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD

Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 14 April 2020
Applicant: Heerema Marine Contractors
Reference: HMC0477-CNSRQ-012 – Platform Re-Boarding
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project
Installation Name: SSCV Thialf
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(b).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Sections 08, 12, 13, 22, 29 and 31

Decision:

Heerema Marine Contractors (HMC) has requested a deviation from Sections 08, 12, 13, 22, 29 and 31 relating to preventing fire and explosion hazards on an installation, and to providing related protective and emergency systems.

The rationale for acceptance of the deviation includes the current “lighthouse mode” status of the Sable platforms while awaiting removal: decommissioned, drained and cleaned of hydrocarbons, and with wells plugged and abandoned. Considerations include the submitted Make-Safe Principals and Make-Safe Procedures for each of the platforms, which describe safety measures for initial re-boarding, and addresses fire, explosion, and other hazards applicable to the removal activity. The SSCV Thialf will be connected to each platform while personnel are on-board for removal activities, and identified protective and emergency systems will be deployed from the SSCV Thialf.

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, Sections 08, 12, 13, 22, 29 and 31, 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