Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 05 March 2020
Applicant: Heerema Marine Contractors SE
Reference: HMC0477-CNSRQ-008-Rev. 1 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Fall Protection)
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), Part 12, Section 176(2)

Heerema Marine Contractors SE (HMC) has requested a deviation from Part 12, Section 176(2) requiring components of a fall protection system to meet specified Canadian standards.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the SSCV Thialf uses fall protection systems that are in accordance with relevant international standards, including European Norms (based on British Standards), OSHA CFR’s and ANSI standards. Considerations include that the fall arrest equipment is inspected and certified as required by the manufacturers.

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 the Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations (OHST), Part 12, Section 176(2), and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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