



Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Exemption)

Date: MAY 3, 2017

C-NLOPB Reference: 2017-RQ-0014

Applicant: Transocean Canada Drilling Services Ltd.

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Installation Name: Transocean Barents

Authority: *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act, Subsection 151(1) & Section 205.069*
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act, Subsection 146(1) and Section 201.66

Regulation: *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Subsection 28(1)*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer concurs with the Applicant, the owner of the Transocean Barents, that a fixed fire suppression system in the mud pit room as prescribed in the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations* Subsection 28(1) is not required provided that oil based mud is not used. The following conditions apply:

1. All barriers that are intended to prevent, detect, control and mitigate fire and gas scenarios, as identified in the application and associated study, are to be fully functional at all times.
2. Mud shall not be heated to temperatures within 10°C below the flashpoint. The flashpoint of the proposed drilling fluid is above 60°C.
3. The temperature of the mud in the mud pits is monitored and recorded.



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