

**Chief Safety Officer Decision**  
**(Application for Substitution, Equivalency, or Exemption)**

**Date:** 22 August 2019

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2019-RQ-0019

**Applicant:** Seadrill Canada Ltd.

**Applicant Reference:** RQF-WA-IR-038 Rev.2

**Installation Name:** MODU West Aquarius

**Authority:** *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act*, subsection 151(1)  
*Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*, subsection 146(1)

**Regulation:** *Subsections 8(1) (2) (3) & (4) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installation Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer accepts the Applicant's, the operator of the *MODU West Aquarius*, proposal to conduct hot work operations onboard the *MODU West Aquarius* during the operational activities defined in the Application, provided that all risk reduction measures outlined in the Application are followed.

This Decision is effective from the date of issuance herein until the earlier of:

- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or
- b) the date on which the CSO and /or CCO (as applicable) revokes this Decision as a result of
  - i) any enforcement action by the Board related to this Decision or
  - ii) new information or analysis coming to light challenging the assessment upon which this decision was based, including but not limited to any changes to commitments made by the Applicant in its application.

For greater certainty, Chief Safety Officer will no longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

  
Chief Safety Officer