



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

**Date:** 2021-Mar-08 | 2:11:43 PM NST

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2021-RQ-0015

**Applicant:** Stena Drilling Ltd.

**Applicant Reference:** SFO-RQ-20-048

**Installation Name:** MV-Stena Forth

**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:** Subsection 25(b) of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner of the *MV-Stena Forth*, use of a condition based monitoring (CBM) and maintenance strategy for the 6 thrusters, in lieu of the requirement in Subsection 25(b) of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations*, which requires a comprehensive inspection at least once in every five-year period. The following condition applies:

1. The CBM program continues to be approved and monitored by DNV-GL and continues to meet all OEM inspection and maintenance requirements.

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- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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, the 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longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

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Chief Safety Officer