

## <u>Chief Safety Officer Decision</u> (Application for Substitution, Equivalency, or Exemption)

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**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2023-RQ-0027

**Applicant:** Cenovus Energy

Applicant Reference: RQ-2023-11-03-473

Installation Name: SeaRose FPSO

**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) & section 201.66

**Regulation:** Section 22(1) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations

Regulations

## **Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner of the *SeaRose FPSO*, proposal to increase POB to 120 and maintain a total lifeboat capacity of 189% in lieu of the requirement for a total lifeboat capacity of 200% for the period following the shutdown of production systems and prior to the start up of production operations while Operating in the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area.

Cenovus will maintain the ability to evacuate 100% of the personnel onboard by means of the four lifeboats with 103% POB capacity available on port side and 87% POB capacity available on starboard side in lieu of the requirements in Section 22 of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations* requirements relating to the capacity and distribution of lifeboats. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- All safeguards listed by Cenovus in the application as well as the conditions noted in Transport Canada's MTRB Decision No. M10439 are to be followed and where there is a discrepancy the more stringent requirement is to be met;
- 2) The Applicant must notify DNV, Transport Canada and the C-NLOPB of any evacuation system limitations or any significant changes to the planned proposal;
- 3) Prior to increasing above the approved complement of 90 persons, the Applicant must ensure 200% complement of immersion suits, and 100% complement of life rafts, life jackets and grab bags, suitable for 120 persons;
- 4) Process hydrocarbon inventories onboard shall be offloaded prior to up-manning for shutdown and upon return to the field hydrocarbon inventories shall be maintained below the 5000m<sup>3</sup> required to facilitate start-up operations;



- 5) The Applicant shall notify the C-NLOPB if a lifeboat has to be taken out of service (or is anticipated to be out of service) for greater than 12 hours during this time period;
- 6) The maximum POB complement is to revert back to 90 persons prior to the resumption of production, and written confirmation of this is to be provided to the satisfaction of the Chief Safety Officer prior to the introduction of hydrocarbons.

