



Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Equivalence)

Date: 27 Aug 2014

C-NLOPB Reference: 2014-RQ-0083

Applicant: Seadrill Canada Limited

Applicant Reference: WH-IR-023

Installation Name: West Hercules

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: *Paragraphs 19(a) & (d) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installation Regulations*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer concurs with the Applicant's, the owner of the West Hercules, proposal to use *DNV-OSS-101 - Rules for Classification of Offshore Drilling and Support Units*, *DNV-OSS-201 - Verification for Compliance with Norwegian Shelf Regulations* and *DNV-OS-A101-Safety Principles and Arrangements* as appropriate industry standards for the escape route arrangements for all four tween deck column corners with only one escape, including the Hydraulic rooms, Vent Pipe rooms, Thrusters rooms, Fan rooms and Lower Deck Transformer Rooms - FWD (M115/M116) and AFT (M 150A/B) in lieu of Installation Regulation 19(a)&(d). The Regulatory query is approved with the following conditions:

1. All entrances to be marked with appropriate signage to notify and alert the crew of the single escape route;
2. Personnel entering these spaces will notify the CCR via radio or rig phone when they enter and exit the area. The CCR will log the personnel entering and exiting these areas;
3. All flammable materials shall be removed from these spaces; and

4. A secondary escape (ladder) to be installed in the area of the second level of the choke & kill manifold working area prior to DNV's Certificate of Fitness survey.



(Chief Safety Officer)