



Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Exemption)

Date: 16 JUNE 2017

C-NLOPB Reference: 2017-RQ-0087

Applicant: ExxonMobil Canada East

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Installation Name: Hebron Platform

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: *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installation Regulations Subsection 8(2)*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer concurs with the Applicant's proposal to conduct hot work operations to complete the fiber optic cable connection onboard the *Hebron Platform* during drilling operations subject to the following conditions:

- The hot work is not conducted until the BOP has been installed on the well and once the BOP is installed hot work is only allowed:
 - While drilling up to 200m True Vertical Depth (TVD) before the shallowest hydrocarbon bearing zone; and
 - If the gas measured in the fluid returning from the well in the gas trap is less than 10% (background gas) and no gas levels are detected in any part of the installation
- Hot work is allowed when operations are being conducted where hydrocarbon bearing zones are present if the well has been isolated from the formation by two verified barriers.
- The work is completed within a banded and pressurized habitat, the fire suppression systems and fire and gas detection systems are fully functional and all measures outlined in the application are adhered to.


Chief Safety Officer