



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

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C-NLOPB Reference: 2020-RQ-0069

Applicant: ExxonMobil Canada Ltd.

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Installation Name: West Aquarius MODU

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: Section 298(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant, the Operator of the *West Aquarius MODU*, to temporarily follow an alternate method of conducting emergency drills as outlined in the Application, in order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. The frequency of the drills will remain the same, however the method of conducting the drills will deviate from the normal method. This alternate method is associated with the requirement in Subsection 298(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations*, which requires an evacuation drill be conducted at least once every week at a drilling unit and an offshore production facility.

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- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

DocuSigned by:

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Chief Safety Officer