



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

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C-NLOPB Reference: 2021-RQ-0031

Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd

Applicant Reference: SFO-RQ-020-008

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 9(4) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner for the *Stena Forth*, proposal to allow areas onboard the *Stena Forth* to have doors open into Hazardous Zone 2 areas, in lieu of the requirements in Subsection 9(4) of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*, which states:

9 (4) *An enclosed area shall not be considered to be a hazardous area because of its direct access to a Class I, Division 2, hazardous area if*

(a) *the access is fitted with a self-closing gastight door that opens into the enclosed area;*

subject to the following conditions:

1. The integrity of the gas tight seals are maintained at all times on the Shaker Operator Room door.
2. The integrity of the watertight seals are maintained at all times on the Starboard Agitator Room door.
3. The integrity of the gas tight seals are maintained at all times on the Drilling Control Room door.
4. The differential pressure alarms and fire and gas detection protecting the spaces are operable at all times on the Shaker Operator Room, Starboard Agitator Room and Drilling Control Room doors.

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- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. L. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Safety Officer