

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

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C-NLOPB Reference:	2021-RQ-0057
Applicant:	ExxonMobil Canada Ltd.
Applicant Reference:	RQF 106
Installation Name:	Hebron
Authority:	<i>Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation</i> <i>Act,</i> subsection 151(1) & section 205.069
	<i>Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation</i> <i>Newfoundland and Labrador Act,</i> subsection 146(1) & section 201.66
Regulation:	Section 41(a) of the <i>Canada – Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum</i> Drilling and Production Regulations

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner of the *Hebron Platform*, use of a casing swellable packer in the 340mm annulus of the L-93 31 well to isolate the Eocene formation in lieu of the requirements in Subsection 41a of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations*, which specifies isolation through the use of cement.

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- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

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