

**Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Equivalence)**

**Date:** 17 November 2010

**Applicant:** Hibernia Management and Development Company Limited

**Applicant reference:** B-16 48 Blowout Preventer Testing – November 2010

**Installation name:** Hibernia

**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:** Subsection 37 of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer authorizes the Applicant, the operator of the Hibernia Platform, to undertake a one-time deferment of the “on installation” pressure testing of the lower ram of the Blowout Preventer (BOP) that has been installed on the B-16 48 well. The BOP has been installed in preparation for workover activities that begin with pulling the production tubing in the well. The current well configuration precludes the ability to test this lower ram without removal of the BOP from the well, which is an activity that has inherent risks.

This approval is issued on the basis that all other elements of the BOP will be pressure tested and that all rams and annulars will be function tested. This approval is also based on the confirmation that the lower pipe ram was successfully tested during the last full pressure test of the BOP. Also, this approval is based on the fact that all perforations have been isolated (mechanical + cement plugs) and the well is filled with kill weight fluid.

The operator has acknowledged that a review will be conducted of BOP move protocols to avoid such a circumstance in the future.



Chief Safety Officer