

Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Exemption)

Date: 09 December 2011

Applicant: Transocean Inc.

Applicant reference: GSF Grand Banks Pipe Barn Hazardous Area Rating

Installation name: GSF Grand Banks

Authority: *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act*,
subsection 151(1)

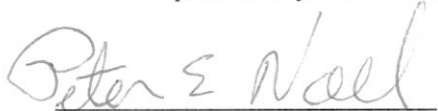
*Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord
Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*, subsection
146(1)

Regulation: Subsection 2(2) of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum
Installations Regulations*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer authorizes the Applicant, the Owner of the MODU GSF Grand Banks, to maintain the non-hazardous area rating for the pipe barn area on the GSF Grand Banks following installation of low point drains on the well testing lines. This authorization is conditional on completion of the provisions as outlined by Transocean Inc. in the Regulatory Query submittal and the following;

1. All lighting in the pipe barn to be Ex rated for hazardous zone.
2. Any equipment required for well testing operations must be Ex rated. All other equipment must be isolated before well testing operations, this equipment must be clearly labeled in the field and identified in the appropriate procedures, checklists, risk assessments etc.
3. A survey of the area to determine compliance with the hazardous area plan will be required prior to commissioning the well test package but not to exceed the 2011 out of service period.
4. Since the pipe barn is considered a hazardous zone during well test operations the hazardous area plan is to be updated to reflect that the pipe barn is considered hazardous during well testing operations only and acceptable under the provisions of this RQF.
5. Confirmation that these conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority, the Chief Conservation Officer (CCO) and the Chief Safety Officer (CSO) prior to any well testing operations commencing.


Chief Safety Officer