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Vår saksbehandler

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2023-019709

Vår ref. (bes oppgitt ved svar)
Havtil 2023/640/ESA

Dato
15.03.2024

Dear Sirs

Revised report and notice of an order following the investigation of an incident with a personal injury and gas leak while splitting a blind hub on Statfjord B on 22 April 2023

In connection with splitting a blind hub on a new production pipeline, a gas leak and a personal injury occurred on 22 April 2023 on Equinor's Statfjord B facility. The Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority (Havtil) decided on 24 April 2023 to investigate this incident. In addition to our own investigation, we have provided technical support for the police inquiry into the incident.

Our report is attached. We have identified serious breaches of the regulations, see chapter 11 in the report, and hereby give notice of the following order.

Pursuant to section 69 of the framework regulations on administrative decisions, we order Equinor FLX to do the following.

- *Identify measures and establish a plan for implementing measures to ensure compliance with the requirements for safety-clearance of activities, see section 11.1.1 of the report, see section 30 of the activities regulations on safety-clearance of activities, see section 22, paragraphs 2 and 4 of the management regulations on handling of nonconformities.*
- *Identify measures and establish a plan for implementing measures to ensure necessary transfer of information on the status of isolation plans at shift and crew changes, see section 11.1.2 of the report, see section 32 of the activities regulations on transfer of information at shift and crew changes, see section 22,*

paragraphs 2 and 4 of the management regulations on handling of nonconformities.

- *Conduct an internal verification to investigate whether the measures identified under sections 1 and 2 have had the desired effect, see section 22, paragraph 2, point 2 of the management regulations.*

The deadline for complying with sections 1 and 2 of the order is 1 June 2024.

The deadline for complying with section 3 of the order is 1 June 2025.

We must be notified when the individual sections of the order have been complied with.

Possible comments on the notice must reach us by 22 April 2024.

The report describes identified nonconformities in addition to those which form the basis for the notice of an order, and we would request an explanation of how these nonconformities will be handled. The report also contains an observation where a potential for improvement exists, and we request your assessment of this.


We would ask for a response to this letter by 1 June 2024. We also request that this letter and report are made known to the employees' union officials, including the safety delegates.

Should you find any factual errors in the report, we would request that you contact us within a week of the date of this letter.

The report will be published on our website one week after the date of this letter at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

Kjell Marius Auflem, by authority
Head of supervision


Principal engineer

This letter has been approved electronically in Havtil and accordingly bears no signatures.

Attachments: Investigation report and list of participants