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There is a lot of material included in the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb release, but the following is quite interesting. But the required application of 19906 and 19905-1 for US Arctic OCS could be a little scary. There is a list of API RP 2N draft 3<sup>rd</sup> edition clauses (basically identical to 19906) that are NOT applicable to Arctic MODU operations, but I think the basic  $10^{-4}$  requirement is NOT among the excluded clauses.

BSEE is also considering

incorporating the ISO standard

“Petroleum and natural gas industries—

Site-specific assessment of mobile

offshore units—Part 1: Jack-ups,” First

Edition (2012) (ISO 19905–1), into the

final rule, with application limited only

to Arctic OCS exploratory drilling

operations. ISO 19905–1 may be better

suited than API RP 2N (or ISO 19906)

to guide structural components for jackup

rigs. The API RP 2N (or ISO 19906)

and ISO 19905–1 documents together

would provide the most comprehensive

structural requirements for the use of a

jack-up rig in Arctic conditions. BSEE

requests comments on the extent to

which ISO 19905–1 should be incorporated into these proposed Arctic

regulations.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Copies of ISO 19905–1 may be purchased from

ISO on its Web site (at <http://www.iso.org/iso/>

[home/store/catalogue\\_ics.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/store/catalogue_ics.htm)) or from commercial

vendors. Copies of the ISO standards referred to in

this proposed rule may also be viewed, upon

request, at BSEE’s Herndon, VA, office (at the

address previously) indicated or at BSEE’s Regional

Offices for Alaska, the Pacific, and the Gulf of

Mexico.

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