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There is a lot of material included in the 24th 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 3rd 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. 7

7 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) 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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