

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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OFFSHORE PETROLEUM REGULATOR FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DECOMMISSIONING THE OFFSHORE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND PIPE-LINES (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED) DIRECTION DECISIONS

Pursuant to regulations 6(11) and 6(12) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State gives notice of the following decision(s), in respect of application(s) made under regulation 6 of the above Regulations requesting a direction confirming that a relevant project need not be accompanied by an environmental statement and confirming the Secretary of State's agreement to the grant of consent.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
DRA/825	CNOOC Petroleum Europe Ltd	Golden Eagle Infill Well 20/01a – HPJ	20/01	08/09/2020
DRA/808	Premier Oil E&P UK Ltd	Tolmount SE well	42/28	15/09/2020
DRA/810	Premier Oil E&P UK Ltd	Tolmount SW well	42/28	15/09/2020
DRA/811	Premier Oil E&P UK Ltd	Tolmount NE well	42/28	15/09/2020
DRA/812	Premier Oil E&P UK Ltd	Tolmount NW well	42/28	15/09/2020

Main reasons / conclusions on which decision is based

Main considerations related to marine discharges and atmospheric emissions. Discharges assessed as no risk to marine environment, and atmospheric emissions rapidly dispersed to background levels. Impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

Mitigation features / measures

Any cuttings contaminated with oil-based mud will be treated offshore prior to discharge or shipped to shore for treatment and disposal. Appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
DRA/841	Total E&P North Sea UK Ltd	Culzean C7z Well Perforation	22/25	18/09/2020
DRA/833	Total E&P North Sea UK Ltd	Culzean C1 Well Completion	22/25	29/09/2020

Main reasons / conclusions on which decision is based

Main considerations related to marine discharges, atmospheric emissions and interference with other users of the sea. Discharges assessed as no risk to marine environment and atmospheric emissions rapidly dispersed to background levels. Impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued

Mitigation features / measures

Any cuttings contaminated with oil-based mud will be treated offshore prior to discharge or shipped to shore for treatment and disposal, and works will be undertaken in accordance with applicable navigational conditions. Appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PLA/769	IOG North Sea Ltd	Elgood Production Pipeline	48/22 & 48/23	17/09/2020

Main reasons / conclusions on which decision is based

Main considerations related to seabed excavation operations and deposit of materials on the seabed. Impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

Mitigation features / measures

Excavations and deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives, and appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events. Agreement was given to the issue of consent providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PLA/741	BP Exploration Operating Co. Ltd	ETAP and Egret Pipeline Works	22/24	02/09/2020

Main reasons / conclusions on which decision is based

Main considerations related to installation of infrastructure and associated deposit of materials on the seabed, and marine discharges. Discharges assessed as no risk to the marine environment, and impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

Mitigation features / measures

Deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives and appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events. Agreement was given to the issue of consent providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PRA/35	Chrysaor Petroleum Co. UK Ltd	Jade Field Production Increase	30/07	08/09/2020
PRA/53	Shell U.K. Ltd	Gannet B Field Increase in Production	21/25	11/09/2020
PRA/53	Shell U.K. Ltd	Gannet D Field Increase in Production	21/25	11/09/2020
PRA/167	Total E&P UK Ltd	Franklin Field Increase in Production	29/5	14/09/2020
PRA/141	Total E&P UK Ltd	Elgin Field Increase in Production	22/30	15/09/2020