

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

## ENERGY

### 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/719	Apache Beryl I Limited	9/13a – B65Z Sidetracked development well	09/13	08/08/2019
DRA/718	CNOOC Petroleum Europe Ltd	Buzzard 20/06a-B2 Well	20/06	08/08/2019
DRA/707	TAQA Bratani Ltd	North Cormorant 211/21-N83 well	211/21	05/08/2019
DRA/720	CNR International (U.K.) Limited	Ninan South 3/08-s89	03/08	13/08/2019
DRA/724	CNR International (U.K.) Limited	Ninian South 3/08-S75	03/08	29/08/2019
DRA/722	Total E&P North Sea UK Ltd	Culzean 22/25a-C7	22/25	30/08/2019

**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/687	Premier Oil E & P UK Limited	Tolmount E Appraisal Well	42/28	31/07/2019
DRA/712	Apache Beryl I Limited	9/18a-41 Garten 2 Development Well	9/18	01/08/2019
DRA/714	Apache North Sea Limited	21/10-A11 Forties A Sidetrack well	21/10	01/08/2019

DRA/701	Equinor UK Ltd	22/10b - I Liffjellet Exploration Well	22/10	09/08/2019
DRA/723	Equinor UK Ltd	211/30c - B33/12-B-29 A Barnacle Development Well	211/30	15/08/2019
DRA/702	BP Exploration Operating Co Ltd	Loyal Water Injection Well 204/20-L12	204/20	16/08/2019
DRA/703	BP Exploration Operating Co Ltd	Loyal Water Injection Well 204/20-L13	204/20	16/08/2019
DRA/704	BP Exploration Operating Co Ltd	Schiehallion Water Injection Well 204/20-C32	204/20	16/08/2019
DRA/711	Petrofac Facilities Management Ltd	Liberator Appraisal Well 13/23c-LPt-02	13/23	19/08/2019
DRA/690	CNOOC Petroleum Europe Ltd	Howick 206/21-A Exploration Well	206/21	23/08/2019
DRA/732	Shell U.K. Limited	Penguins C-UpDip Development Well	211/13	20/08/2019

**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.

**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/690	Britoil Ltd	Foinaven Anode Skids Installation	204/24	13/08/2019

**Main reasons / conclusions on which decision is based**  
 Main considerations related to deposit of materials on the seabed and interference with other users of the sea. Impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

**Mitigation features / measures**  
 Deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives and designed to prevent unnecessary interference with other users of the sea. Works will be undertaken in accordance with applicable navigational conditions and appropriate controls will be in place to