

Acceptance Decision

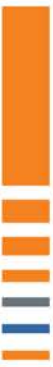
Decision - Ichthys Project Gas Export Pipeline (Preservation Stage) Environment Plan

This document provides notification of NOPSEMA's decision made under regulation 10 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations) to accept an environment plan.

Submission information

Titleholder:	Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd (INPEX)
Environment plan:	Ichthys Project Gas Export Pipeline (Preservation Stage) Environment Plan, Rev 0, Document No. C075-AH-PLN-10016
Petroleum titles:	WA-22-PL and NT-PL4
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	16 October 2015
Activities type(s)¹:	Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGS Act
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>The Gas Export Pipeline (GEP) is approximately 889 km long, with approximately 793 km located within Commonwealth waters, between the Ichthys Field and the Northern Territory 3 nautical mile (nm) limit. Activities covered by this Environment Plan are wholly located in Commonwealth waters and the operational area is defined as a 2 km wide corridor, 1 km either side of the GEP centre line, up to and including the gas export riser base.</p> <p>Inspections provide assurance that infrastructure is performing according to design. They also proactively identify maintenance and/or repair activities that may be required to protect the GEP's integrity. Inspection activities within the EP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROV inspections • marine acoustic surveys <p>Repair activities described in the EP are not intended to occur, but if required may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seabed intervention (e.g. jetting, mass flow excavation, installing grout bags, rock placement or concrete mattress installation) • marine growth removal • clamp repair

¹ Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004



- pigging to recover the integrity of the GEP.

Typically a single vessel can be used to conduct IMR activities. Depending on the nature and location of a repair activity a second vessel may be required. Vessels will use Group II hydrocarbons such as Marine Gas Oil (diesel).

Expected Activity commencement date is Q2, 2016. Inspection, maintenance and repair activities could occur in the order of 5 – 60 days per year, depending on the nature of the work required. Additional time may be required for any IMR program depending on the specific circumstances of the inspection, maintenance or repair and weather conditions.

Note: This information has been extracted from the EP.

Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	6 January 2015
Decision made by:	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager

Basis of decision

NOPSEMA has assessed the environment plan in accordance with its assessment policies and procedures. Having regard to all information provided by, and referred to in the environment plan, NOPSEMA is reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria set out in Regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations.

Next steps for the petroleum activity

An environment plan summary must be provided to NOPSEMA within 10 days of this acceptance. Regulation 11(4) requires that this document provide material from the accepted environment plan.

Once the summary document has been prepared to NOPSEMA satisfaction it will be published on NOPSEMA’s website. NOPSEMA aims to have all environment plan summary documents published within 20 days of acceptance. This timeframe may vary should the document require amendment by the titleholder.

The titleholder is required to notify NOPSEMA 10 days prior to the commencement of the activity. This notification will be published on NOPSEMA’s website.

Titleholder environmental performance requirements

A titleholder is required to undertake a petroleum activity in accordance with the accepted environment plan. It is an offence under the Environment Regulations to act in a manner contrary to the accepted environment plan. A titleholder must submit a revision to the environment plan in response to a new or increased environmental impact or risk, or a significant modification or stage of the activity not provided for in the accepted environment plan.

How to get further information

If you have any further questions regarding the activity it is suggested you contact the titleholder's nominated liaison person for the activity.

If you would like to access any further information regarding the decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email environment@nopsema.gov.au.