

Acceptance decision

Gorgon and Jansz Feed Gas Pipeline and Wells Operations Environment Plan - Commonwealth Waters

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

Titleholder¹:	Chevron Australia Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Gorgon and Jansz Feed Gas Pipeline and Wells Operations Environment Plan - Commonwealth Waters (Document No. GOR-COP-0902, Revision 2.1, dated 2 June 2016)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-19-PL, WA-36-L, WA-39-L, WA-40-L WA-20-PL, WA-37-L, WA-38-L
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	18/03/2016
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of a pipeline • Any other petroleum related activity
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>The Gorgon and Jansz Feed Gas Pipeline and Wells Operations (Commonwealth Waters) Environment Plan covers activities in Commonwealth Waters associated with the commissioning, start-up and operation of the Gorgon and Jansz Feed Gas Pipeline and Wells (the petroleum activity). Activities occurring outside the Operational Area or in the State jurisdiction are not included in the Plan.</p> <p>The Jansz–lo gas fields are located within production licenses WA-36-L, WA-39-L and WA-40-L approximately 200 km off the north-west coast of Western Australia in water depths of approximately 1,350 m (Figure 1-1). The Gorgon gas field is located within production Licences WA-37-L and WA-38-L, approximately 130 km off the north-west coast of Western Australia, and 65 km north-west of Barrow Island in water depths of approximately 200 m. The wells associated with the Plan are located in WA-36-L, WA-37-L, WA-38-L and WA-39-L. The pipelines are located in Commonwealth Waters within pipeline licence WA-19-PL and WA-20-PL.</p> <p>Commissioning and start-up activities are planned to commence in Quarter 2 2015. Following start-up, operations are expected to continue for the nominal operational design life of 50 years. Inspection, maintenance and repair activities may occur at any time during commissioning, start-up and operation. The timing of activities is indicative, and subject to potential delays caused by</p>

weather events, vessel availability and other unforeseen factors.

The scope of the Plan covers petroleum activities associated with the commissioning, start-up, and operation of the Gorgon and Jansz Pipeline and Wells in Commonwealth Waters. The petroleum activities addressed in the Plan include:

- commissioning and start-up
- operations
- inspections, maintenance and repair (IMR) activities, and
- associated vessel activities.

These activities are supported by vessels and remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) where required.

Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	15/08/2016
Decision made by:	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Seismic & Production Operations



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 this decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email environment@nopsema.gov.au.

¹ A titleholder includes an applicant for a petroleum access authority, petroleum special prospecting authority, pipeline licence, greenhouse gas search authority or greenhouse gas special authority under sub-regulation 9(2).

² Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004