

Crowes Foot Seismic Survey 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). In this instance, NOPSEMA is providing an opportunity to modify and resubmit the environment plan as it is not reasonably satisfied that the plans meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations.

Submission information

Titleholder¹:	Origin Energy Resources Limited
Environment plan:	Crowes Foot Seismic Survey Environment Plan, Revision D, VIC-9000-ENV-PLN-00005
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	VIC/P69
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	23/01/2016
Activities type(s)²:	Seismic survey
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>This Revised Environment Plan is for the Crowes Foot marine seismic survey, which was undertaken by Origin Energy Resources Limited (Origin) from 6 November to 7 December 2016. The original Environment Plan for the survey was approved by NOPSEMA on 4 November 2015. The Revised Environment Plan addresses the findings of recently completed research undertaken by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, as well as longer-term management controls and monitoring. The marine seismic survey is now complete.</p> <p>The Crowes Foot three-dimensional (3D) marine seismic survey was located in the Otway Basin off southwest Victoria in exploration permits Vic/P69 and Vic/P43. The survey by Origin was a typical 3D survey similar to most others conducted in Australian marine waters (in terms of technical methods and procedures). No unique or unusual equipment or operations were used.</p>
Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	22/02/2017
Resubmission due date³:	03/04/2017
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. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria below as set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations:

- (c) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level
- (e) includes an appropriate implementation strategy and monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements
- (g) demonstrates that:
 - (i) the titleholder has carried out the consultations required by Division 2.2A
 - (ii) the measures (if any) that the titleholder has adopted, or proposes to adopt, because of the consultations are appropriate

Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the 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

³ NOPSEMA sets the proposed timeframe for resubmission; after which NOPSEMA may determine a reasonable opportunity has been given and NOPSEMA may refuse to accept the plan. Titleholders can request an extended timeframe.