

Acceptance decision

North Rankin Complex Operations 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

Titleholder¹:	Woodside Energy Ltd
Environment plan:	North Rankin Complex Operations Environment Plan (BA0000AH7558519, Revision 7)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-1-L and WA-1-PL
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	29/07/2016
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of a facility • Significant modification of a facility • Operation of a licensed pipeline • Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>The North Rankin Complex (NRC) produces dry gas and condensate from the North Rankin, Persephone and Perseus fields and delivers these hydrocarbons via two trunklines to the onshore Karratha Gas Plant for processing. The NRC consists of 29 production wells, installations (e.g. wellheads, production and pigging manifolds and flowlines), riser platforms and two gas trunklines. From 2017, it is proposed that the NRC will also extract gas and condensate from the Persephone (PSP) gas field, which is located approximately 6.9 km North East of NRC. Production from the PSP field will be via a two well subsea tieback into the NRC. The activities associated with drilling two wells, subsea installation and pre-commissioning activities of the Persephone tie-back to the NRC is provided for the Persephone Drilling and Subsea Installation Activities Environment Plan (SSPL & DC EP).</p> <p>The revision of the NRC EP addresses the activities associated with the start-up and operation of the Persephone field. Woodside will resubmit the NRC Operations EP for its 5 yearly review as scheduled in mid 2019.</p>
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	21/04/2017
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. 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