

Acceptance decision

Addendum to Hyde-1 Exploration Drilling Program 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:	Quadrant Northwest Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Addendum to Hyde-1 Exploration Drilling Program environment plan [Revision 0, Document number EA-RI-00281.03]
Petroleum title:	WA-418-P
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	13/04/2016
Activities type(s)²:	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>Quadrant Northwest Pty Ltd drilled the Hyde-1 exploration well, located in Commonwealth waters off the coast of Western Australia, in February 2016. Hyde-1 is located in permit area WA-418-P approximately 200 km north of Dampier. The environment plan (EP) for drilling of Hyde-1 was accepted by NOPSEMA on 11 February 2014. Offshore activities described in the accepted EP have been completed.</p> <p>The well was initially spudded at 18o 53' 08.66" S and 116o 33' 23.75" E, in approximately 390m water depth. However, after drilling to a depth of approximately 50m below the seabed, the 5" drill pipe became stuck during cementing operations for the 36" conductor and could not be recovered. Consequently, the drill pipe was severed near the seabed and the MODU relocated to the final Hyde-1A well site and completed drilling to target depth. The 36" conductor remains embedded in the seabed, with associated housing and the 5" drill pipe extending to a total height of approximately 5.9m above the surrounding seafloor.</p> <p>This unplanned event was not anticipated in the accepted (Rev 3) Hyde-1 EP. Accordingly, Quadrant Northwest Pty Ltd has revised a part of the previously submitted EP to address the proposed response to the unplanned event. In doing so, a sea dumping permit application has been submitted to the Department of Environment and Energy.</p> <p>Quadrant Northwest Pty Ltd intends to surrender the petroleum permit with the equipment in situ once all regulatory pre-requisites have been met, including acceptance of this EP revision.</p>



Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	14/06/2017
Decision made by:	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Drilling & Developments

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