

Acceptance decision

Greater East Spar Installation and Commissioning 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 Oil Australia Pty Limited
Environment plan:	Greater East Spar Installation and Commissioning environment plan (Document No. GE-35-RI-10002.01), Revision 1
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-21-PL
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	13/04/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction or installation of a licensed petroleum pipeline • Significant modification of a licensed petroleum 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>Quadrant Energy operates the Varanus Island oil and gas production and infrastructure facilities located offshore Dampier. Oil and gas is supplied to Varanus Island from a number of offshore petroleum reservoirs via several subsea pipelines. The Halyard gas field is located approximately 65 km west of Varanus Island, and currently comprises the Halyard-1 well connected via a flowline to the East Spar subsea infrastructure, from where gas is transported 65 km via pipeline to the East Spar gas plant on Varanus Island.</p> <p>Quadrant is proposing to install additional infrastructure to connect another well, Spar-2, to the existing Halyard subsea facilities. The Spar-2 well is located approximately 1.7 km west-southwest of the existing Halyard-1 well, and was completed in December 2010 but was not connected. To complete the connection, Greater East Spar infrastructure must be installed. Installation activities are expected to commence in Quarter 3, 2017, and run for up to 60 days.</p>
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	29/06/2016
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