

Acceptance decision

Crowes Foot Seismic Survey

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:	Origin Energy Resources Limited
Environment plan:	Crowes Foot Seismic Survey Environment Plan (Revision E, 23 October 2017)
Petroleum titles:	Vic/P69, Vic/P43
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	11/11/2016
Activities type²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seismic survey
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</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:	Accepted
Decision date:	22/11/2017
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