

Acceptance decision

Nganhurra Cessation of 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:	Nganhurra Cessation of Operations Environment Plan [K1005UH1400288790, Rev 1, dated 13 October 2017]
Petroleum title:	WA-28-L
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	04/08/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling; decommissioning or removing a facility; and 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>Woodside is preparing an Environment Plan (EP) to undertake petroleum activities in the vicinity of Enfield oil field to support cessation of production activities.</p> <p>The Enfield oil field is located in production licence WA-28-L in Commonwealth waters, approximately 52 km north-west of Exmouth in Western Australia.</p> <p>Woodside is planning to flush the subsea and topside infrastructure prior to disconnecting the Nganhurra floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) facility from the field, remove the Riser Turret Mooring (RTM) from field and isolate and preserve subsea infrastructure in preparation for future decommissioning activities.</p> <p>Activities anticipated to be undertaken as part of the EP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disconnection and sail away of the FPSO; - preservation of the Nganhurra subsea systems until the wells are plugged and abandoned and subsea infrastructure is decommissioned; and - removal of the RTM from field following disconnection of risers, electro-hydraulic umbilical (EHU), removal of buoyancy modules and disconnection of mooring lines from RTM. <p>The RTM may remain in-situ for a period of time post the FPSO disconnection. Subject to mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU) contracting opportunities, well intervention and/or abandonment for selected wells may be undertaken as part of the EP scope.</p>

Plugging and abandonment of remaining wells and the decommissioning of remaining subsea equipment will be subject to future stakeholder engagement and environment plan submissions.

Decision: Accepted

Decision date: 21/12/2017

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