

Acceptance decision

WA-34-L exploration wellheads

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 Burrup Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	WA-34-L exploration wellheads
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-34-L
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	21/12/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Woodside is preparing an Environment Plan for the Pluto-3, Pluto-6 and Xeres-1A wellheads, located in Commonwealth waters, approximately 175 km north west of Dampier in Western Australia.</p> <p>In December 2005 Woodside drilled the appraisal well Pluto-3. Pluto-3 was a vertical appraisal well commissioned by Woodside. Successful plug and abandonment activities were completed in March 2006. The Pluto-6 appraisal well was drilled in April 2007. Pluto-6 was a deviated appraisal well. Successful completion of plug and abandonment activities for the Pluto-6 well were completed in May 2007. Xeres-1A well was drilled as a vertical exploration well in June 2011. Successful completion of plug and abandonment activities occurred in June 2011.</p> <p>Woodside has left and proposes to continue to leave the Pluto-3, Pluto-6 and Xeres-1A appraisal wellheads in-situ permanently.</p> <p>The Pluto-3, Pluto-6 and Xeres-1A wells are located in production licence WA-34-L. Pluto-3 is in 585 m water depth, Pluto-6 is in 1006 m water depth, and Xeres-1A is in 190 m water depth. The three wells are completely plugged and abandoned with wellheads remaining in place.</p> <p>No field activities are required in association within this EP. A Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU), installation, support or other vessels will not be required as part of the proposed activity.</p>



Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	29/03/2018
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