



Blacktip Offshore 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). In this instance, NOPSEMA is providing an opportunity to modify and resubmit the environment plan as it is not reasonably satisfied that the plans meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations.

Submission information

Titleholder¹:	Eni Australia B.V.
Environment plan:	Blacktip Offshore Environment Plan (Revision 8, Document No. 000036 - DV_PR.HSE.0677.000)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-33-L; WA-15-PL; NT/PL3; NT/PL2
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	11/03/2019
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of a facility • Drilling • Operation of a licensed petroleum pipeline
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>Eni Australia Limited operates the Blacktip facilities, approximately 300 km west-south-west of Darwin, located in Lease Area WA-33-L, within Commonwealth waters in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. The field commenced production in 2009. The facilities consist of a well-head platform (WHP), two producing wells, flowlines and a subsea gas export pipeline bringing gas, condensate and produced water to the Yelcherr Gas Plant (YGP) near Wadeye in the Northern Territory. Additionally, stabilised condensate is stored on site at the YGP before being exported via subsea 12” Condensate Export Pipeline to a Single Point Mooring, located approximately 7 km offshore in Commonwealth waters, for loading to tankers and subsequent transport to market.</p> <p>The Operational Area includes the Blacktip WHP, the Gas Export Pipeline (GEP) from Blacktip WHP to the Territory water boundary, the SPM and the Condensate Export Pipeline (CEP) from SPM to the Territory water boundary.</p> <p>Blacktip Operations activities are generally limited to WHP normal (unmanned) production operations, which is controlled via telemetry from the YGP Central Control Room (CCR); inspection, maintenance and repair activities to topsides; inspection, maintenance and repair activities to subsea infrastructure (including surveys such as side-scan sonar, diving and Remotely Operated Vehicle); periodic tanker vessel off-takes of condensate from the SPM; and rigless well intervention activities.</p>

Eni propose to drill a third development well in the field using a jack-up mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU), cantilevered over the WHP. The schedule for this drilling activity will be subject to rig availability and further consultation, however it is anticipated in 2020.

The WHP is designed to operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, on an 'unmanned' basis. Blacktip field has an estimated production life of 25 years and an installation design life of 30 years.

Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	10/04/2019
Resubmission due date³:	25 May 2019
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. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria below as set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations:

- (a) is appropriate for the nature and scale of the activity
- (b) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable
- (c) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level
- (d) provides for appropriate environmental performance outcomes, environmental performance standards and measurement criteria
- (e) includes an appropriate implementation strategy and monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements
- (g) demonstrates that:
 - (i) the titleholder has carried out the consultations required by Division 2.2A
 - (ii) the measures (if any) that the titleholder has adopted, or proposes to adopt, because of the consultations are appropriate

Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the 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

³ NOPSEMA sets the proposed timeframe for resubmission; after which NOPSEMA may determine a reasonable opportunity has been given and NOPSEMA may refuse to accept the plan. Titleholders can request an extended timeframe.