

Acceptance decision

Bratwurst 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

Titleholder ¹ :	Shell Australia Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Bratwurst Environment Plan (HSE_GEN_015411, Revision 2)
Petroleum title number:	AC/P64
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	25/01/2019
Activities type ² :	Drilling
Activity overview:	Shell Australia Pty Ltd (SA) proposes to drill a single exploration well in petroleum permit AC/P64 as part of the Bratwurst-1 drilling campaign. The Bratwurst-1 exploration well will be located within the Northern Browse Basin in Commonwealth Waters approximately 160km north east of the Prelude facility, in a water depth of approximately 155 m. Drilling is planned be carried out by a semi-submersible Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU or rig), supported from Shell Australia's supply bases in Broome. The well will be plugged and abandoned or suspended if further investigation is required. The operational area covered by this EP is defined as a 2km radius from the well inclusive of MODU moorings and the MODU 500 m exclusion zone. The environment plan also covers potential for future sidetracking and/or testing in the event of exploration success. Drilling is proposed to commence as early as mid-2019 as drilling activities are expected to take approximately 45 days. Drilling and support activities will typically be conducted on a 24 hour basis.
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	15/05/2018
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 <u>environment@nopsema.gov.au</u>.

 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