

Nganhurra Operations Cessation 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:	Woodside Energy Limited
Environment plan:	Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan, Rev 0, [Doc Ref K1005UH1400288790]
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-28-L
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	04/08/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling • Decommissioning, dismantling or removing a facility • Any other petroleum-related activity
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</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</p>

	of the EP scope. 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:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	31/08/2017
Resubmission due date³:	30/09/2017
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. 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.

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.