

Acceptance decision

WA-404-P Drilling

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:	WA-404-P Drilling Environment Plan (Document No. A1000UD14000467050, Revision 2)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-404-P
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	28/09/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling
Activity overview:	<p>Woodside is preparing an Environment Plan (EP) to undertake drilling activities within the permit WA-404-P.</p> <p><i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i></p> <p>The EP proposes to undertake drilling of up to six wells (exploration and appraisal wells), including the Ferrand exploration well, and the re-entry into the previously drilled and suspended Noblige-1 for well plug and abandonment. The proposed petroleum activities program is located in Commonwealth waters, approximately 260 km north-west of Dampier, Western Australia. The closest landfall to the permit area is the Montebello Islands which is approximately 138 km south at the closest point.</p> <p>The proposed Petroleum Activities Program is scheduled to commence in Q1 2018.</p>
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	18/01/2018
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