

Acceptance decision

Pluto Facility Operations 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

Titleholder1:	Woodside Burrup Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Pluto Facility Operations Environment Plan, Rev 10, Doc. No. XB0000AH0001
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-1-IL, WA-34-L, WA-17-PL and WA-16-PL
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	04/07/2018
Activities type(s) ² :	 Operation of a facility Operation of a petroleum pipeline Significant modification of a facility
Activity overview: As described in the accepted environment plan.	The Pluto platform is located in Commonwealth waters approximately 174 km north-west of Karratha in Western Australia and has been operating since 2012. The current Environment Plan is required to be revised every five years.
	The Pluto platform is operated as a Not Normally Manned (NNM) facility with remote operations from the Pluto Onshore Central Control Room. The Pluto Offshore Facility currently produces gas and condensate from the Pluto and Xena gas fields which is transported via a 36-inch 180 km trunk line to the onshore Pluto Gas Plan for processing and export to customers.
	The Pluto platform is more than 211 m tall and stands in a water depth of 85 m. The platform combines production facilities, utilities and temporary living quarters for maintenance activities. Pluto has currently has seven production wells, and has a daily production capacity of up to 20,500 tonnes of gas and up to 8996 bbls of condensate. The Pluto platform is marked on nautical maps surrounded by a 500 m exclusion zone to shipping.
	The revised EP will incorporate; the operation of Pluto Platform situated in Infrastructure Licence WA-1-IL, wells and associated subsea infrastructure located in Production Licence WA-34-L, pipelines and flowlines located in pipelines licences WA-16-L and WA-17-L and the installation and commissioning of a produced water treatment module on the platform.
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	30/05/2019



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. 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.

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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