

Acceptance decision

Cobia Pipeline Repair Project 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:	Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Cobia Pipeline Repair Project Environment Plan (Document number EAPL-CBAPRP-PLN-017; revision 2; dated 09 November 2018)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	VIC/PL15
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	17/07/2018
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant modification of a licensed petroleum pipeline • Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>The Cobia Pipeline Repair Project Environment Plan covers the repair of the existing 300mm pipeline between the Halibut and Cobia Platforms located in Production Area VIC/L05 in Bass Strait. The repair involves the Seven Eagle dive support vessel laying a 150mm flexible pipeline between the Halibut and Cobia risers and making the associated tie-ins. The campaign is expected to take place in December 2018 and last approximately 10 days and will involve divers and ROV activities.</p> <p>The Environment Plan also covers leaving the redundant CBA300 pipeline in-situ until future decommissioning plans are developed or the pipeline is incorporated into a new or revised operations Environment Plan. Until decommissioning is completed, maintenance activities on the pipeline will continue be undertaken. The Cobia Pipeline Repair Project Environment Plan will cease when the new or revised operations Environment Plan is accepted by NOPSEMA.</p>
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	29/11/2018
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.

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