

Acceptance decision

WA-8-L Production Equipment Abandonment

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:	Santos Limited
Environment plan:	WA-8-L Production Equipment Abandonment Environment Plan (Revision 1)
Petroleum title:	WA-8-L
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	14/12/2018
Activities type²:	Decommissioning, dismantling or removing a facility
Activity overview:	Santos Limited is the Operator of Production Licence WA-8-L. This Environment Plan (EP) relates to abandonment of production equipment that is currently <i>in situ</i> on the seabed in WA-8-L, where it has been since the decommissioning of the Talisman production facility in 1992.

Following the termination of production operations in July 1992, the two Talisman production wells (T-1 and T-7) were plugged and abandoned, and the wellheads were recovered. During the decommissioning all locatable items were recovered from the Talisman field, with the exception of the T-7 flowline and control umbilical line, an anchor and length of chain, and a tyre weight. These remaining items of production equipment have remained on the seabed to date.

The petroleum activity to be undertaken for WA-8-L involves no operations and comprises of leaving the production equipment *in situ* in perpetuity. This activity will involve no operations within WA-8-L.

Production Licence WA-8-L is located 127 km north of Dampier, WA in the northern Carnarvon Basin, and covers two graticular blocks, containing the Talisman and Amulet fields. The production licence area covers 161 km² across a water depth range of 79-89 metres (m). WA-8-L is surrounded by adjacent exploration permit areas WA-191-P, WA-352-P and WA-1-P.

Geographical coordinates for the assumed position of the production equipment, based on the known locations for the T-7 wellhead and Talisman CALM Buoy / FPSO, are provided below.

- T-7 Wellhead – 19° 29' 47.066" S; 116° 55' 53.516" E



- Flowline and umbilical (start point) – 19° 29' 47.066" S; 116° 55' 53.516" E
- Flowline and umbilical (end point) – 19° 29' 52.85" S; 116° 55' 25.940" E

Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	23/01/2019
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