

Acceptance decision

Patricia-Baleen 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:	Cooper Energy Ltd
Environment plan:	Patricia-Baleen Environment Plan (Document No. PBN-EN-EMP-0001, Revision 0)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	VIC/L21, VIC/PL31, VIC/L32
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	22/03/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other petroleum-related activity
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>This Environment Plan covers inspection, maintenance and repair activities at the Patricia and Baleen Field located in Production Licence Vic/L21 and at the suspended Sole-2 well located in Production Licence Vic/L32.</p> <p>The Patricia and Baleen field is located in water depths of approximately 54 m in Vic/L21, approximately 25 km off the coast from Marlo in East Gippsland, Victoria, in the eastern waters of Bass Strait.</p> <p>The Patricia Baleen offshore assets consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Patricia-2 and Baleen-4 wells, which are shut-in; and A 24 km subsea pipeline and umbilical cable connecting the Patricia-2 and Baleen-4 wells to the Patricia Baleen Gas Plant; and A suspended well, Patricia-1. <p>The suspended Sole-2 well lies in water depths of approximately 125 m in Vic/L32 approximately 40 km south-west of Point Hicks and 50 km east southeast of the Patricia-2 well in east Gippsland, Victoria in the eastern waters of Bass Strait.</p> <p>The scope of this EP covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The non-operational phase of the offshore Patricia Baleen assets for a period of up to 5 years. As the pipeline and wells are shut-in, operational activities are limited to vessel operations including visual inspection, maintenance and repair activities to maintain integrity of the asset; and General visual inspections on the suspended Patricia-1 and Sole-2 wells to check for integrity and undertake minor repair activities such as anode replacement.
Decision:	Accepted



Decision date:	19/07/2017
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