



Addendum to Hyde-1 Exploration Drilling Program 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). In this instance, NOPSEMA is providing an opportunity to modify and resubmit the environment plan as it is not reasonably satisfied that the plans meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations.

Submission information

Titleholder¹:	Quadrant Northwest Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Addendum to Hyde-1 Exploration Drilling Program environment plan [Revision 0, Document number EA-RI-00281.03]
Petroleum title(s):	WA-418-P
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	13/04/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGS Act.
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>Quadrant Energy Australia Limited (Quadrant Energy) drilled the Hyde-1 exploration well, located in Commonwealth waters off the coast of Western Australia, in February 2016.</p> <p>Hyde-1 is located in permit area WA-418-P approximately 200 km north of Dampier.</p> <p>The environment plan (EP) [EA-00-R1-281/1] for drilling of Hyde-1 was accepted by NOPSEMA on 11 February 2014. Offshore activities described in the accepted EP have been completed.</p> <p>The well was initially spudded at 18o 53’ 08.66” S and 116o 33’ 23.75” E, in approximately 390m water depth. However, after drilling to a depth of approximately 50m below the seabed, the 5” drill pipe became stuck during cementing operations for the 36” conductor and could not be recovered. Consequently, the drill pipe was severed near the seabed and the MODU relocated to the final Hyde-1A well site and completed drilling to target depth. The 36” conductor remains embedded in the seabed, with associated housing and the 5” drill pipe extending to a total height of approximately 5.9m above the surrounding seafloor.</p> <p>This unplanned event was not anticipated in the accepted (Rev 3) Hyde-1 EP. Accordingly, Quadrant Energy has revised a part of the previously submitted EP to address the proposed response to the unplanned event.</p> <p>Quadrant Energy intends to surrender the petroleum permit with the equipment in situ once all regulatory pre-requisites have been met, including acceptance of this EP revision (Addendum)</p>
Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied



Decision date:	10/05/2017
Resubmission due date³:	09/06/2017
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. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria below as set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations:

(g) demonstrates that:

(i) the titleholder has carried out the consultations required by Division 2.2A

(ii) the measures (if any) that the titleholder has adopted, or proposes to adopt, because of the consultations are appropriate

(h) complies with the Act and regulations.

Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the 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

³ NOPSEMA sets the proposed timeframe for resubmission; after which NOPSEMA may determine a reasonable opportunity has been given and NOPSEMA may refuse to accept the plan. Titleholders can request an extended timeframe.