



Montara Production Drilling EP

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:	PTTEP Australasia (Ashmore Cartier) Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Montara Production Drilling, MV-HSE-D41-810828, revision 4
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	AC/L7
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	05/05/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>The Montara Development Project (MDP) is located in Commonwealth waters within Production Licences AC/L7 and AC/L8 in the Timor Sea, between Australia and the island of Timor approximately 690 km (373 nm) east of Darwin in a water depth of approximately 77m (LAT) (refer to Figure 4.1).</p> <p>The MDP includes developing the Montara, Swift, Skua and Swallow fields and operating the developed facilities for commercial production of the oil reserves. Oil is extracted from production wells in each of the fields and transported in flow lines to the Montara Venture Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility, via the Montara Well Head Platform.</p> <p>Production Drilling activities within the MDP area governed by this Environment Plan are scheduled to commence in September 2017 and are likely to last for a period of approximately 60 days, however timings are subject to weather and operational efficiency. The proposed timetable of the production drilling activity that this EP provides for is therefore September 2017 to February 2018.</p>
Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	06/06/2017
Resubmission due date³:	06/07/2017
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:

- (a) is appropriate for the nature and scale of the activity
- (b) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable
- (c) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level
- (d) provides for appropriate environmental performance outcomes, environmental performance standards and measurement criteria.

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.