

Acceptance decision

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) to accept an environment plan.

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 first submitted to NOPSEMA:	05/05/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</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:	Accepted
Decision date:	24/08/2017
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. 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