

Acceptance decision

Montara Operations

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

Titleholder ¹ :	Jadestone Energy (Eagle) Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Montara Operations Environment Plan (Document No. MV-90-PLN-I-00001, Revision 1 dated 28 February 2019)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	AC/L7 and AC/L8
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	22/11/2018
Activities type(s) ² :	 Operation of a facility used for the recovery or processing of petroleum; Recovery of petroleum using a subsea installation; Drilling; Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA.
Activity overview: As described in the accepted environment plan.	The Montara Venture Floating Production Storage Offtake (FPSO), unmanned wellhead platform and subsea infrastructure, are located in the Timor Sea, in the Ashmore Cartier territory within Commonwealth waters, approximately 690 km north-west of Darwin within 34 km of Vulcan Shoal. The facilities lie in water depths of approximately 80 m.
	The Montara operations currently produce crude oil from the Montara, Skua, Swift and Swallow fields which is transported via flowline for processing at the well head platform and FPSO. The well head platform currently has five production wells, and there are five subsea production wells located approximately 17 to 18 km from the FPSO.
	The Montara infrastructure is marked on nautical maps surrounded by a 500 m petroleum safety exclusion zone within which vessels are prohibited from entering.
	The revised EP provides for operation of the FPSO and well head platform, and associated subsea infrastructure, situated in licenses AC/L7 and AC/L8. In addition, the revised EP provides for inspection, maintenance and repair of infrastructure, support services, and unplanned activities including oil spill response.
Decision:	Accepted



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Decision date:	06/08/2019
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 <u>environment@nopsema.gov.au</u>.

 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