

Acceptance decision

North Rankin Complex Facility 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

Titleholder¹:	Woodside Energy Limited
Environment plan:	North Rankin Complex Facility Operations EP (Document No. BA0000AH7558519, Revision 10, dated August 2019)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-1-L, WA-1-PL and WA-10-PL
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	18/04/2019
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of a facility used for the recovery or processing of petroleum • Operation of a licensed petroleum pipeline • Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>The North Rankin Complex (NRC) is a single integrated facility comprised of two interconnected production platforms, North Rankin A (NRA) and North Rankin B (NRB), and associated subsea infrastructure, including two export trunklines (1TL and 2TL), which run between the NRC facility and the onshore Karratha Gas Plant (KGP).</p> <p>Woodside is submitting a revised Environment Plan for the NRC facility in accordance with Commonwealth Environmental Regulations, which require Environment Plans for operating facilities to be revised at least every five years. A revision to the NRC EP was last accepted by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) in April 2017. This revision was to incorporate changes relevant to the start-up and operation of the Persephone Project, which subsequently started in August 2017. The NRC EP was previously accepted by NOPSEMA in August 2014.</p> <p>The NRC is operated by Woodside on behalf of the North West Shelf Project participants. The participants include Woodside Energy Ltd., BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd, BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd, Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Pty Ltd and Shell Development (Australia) Pty Ltd.</p>
Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	13/09/2019



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