



Department for  
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# BUSINESS IMPACT TARGET: SUMMARY TEMPLATE

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions  
(NQRP) summary reporting template



**Regulator: BEIS – Offshore Petroleum Regulator Environment & Decommissioning (OPRED)**

**Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**
Measures certified as being below de minimis (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
EU Regulations, Decisions and Directives and other international obligations, including the implementation of the EU Withdrawal Bill and EU Withdrawal Agreement	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Measures certified as concerning EU Withdrawal Bill operability measures	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Pro-competition	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Fines and Penalties	OPRED has issued one Enforcement Notice under The Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005.
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Measures certified as relating to the safety of tenants, residents and occupants in response to the Grenfell tragedy	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Casework	28 Decommissioning Programmes for offshore oil and gas installations and pipelines under Section 29 of the Petroleum Act 1998 have been approved and the Offshore Decommissioning Unit have also supported the execution of a further 93 projects. 4,236 permits and consents for offshore oil and gas environmental activities have been issued. No activities listed represent a change in the burden of regulation placed on business.
Education, communications and promotion	The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) entered into force on 31 December 2020. The 2020 Regulations address implementation issues associated with the previous Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipe-lines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999 (as amended) [“the 1999 Regulations”] which transposed the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU

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	<p>(as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU).</p> <p>A number of pieces of environmental guidance were published covering:- the Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 / submission of PON1<sup>1</sup>, Oil Pollution Prevention &amp; Control Regulations (OPPC) and the new Integrated Reporting System.</p> <p>The guidance provides clarification and does not represent a change in the burden of regulation placed on business.</p> <p>OPRED participated in regular meetings with Oil &amp; Gas UK (OGUK), the industry representative body, as well as giving numerous presentations to operators, industry bodies, UK and international regulators and other stakeholders throughout the period.</p>
Activity related to policy development	<p>A public consultation was carried out on the new Offshore Energy Strategic Environmental Assessment (OESEA4) Scoping document, which sought views on the proposed scope of OESEA4 in relation to future licensing / leasing of offshore energy developments on the UKCS.</p> <p>A number of consultations were held with industry relating to the updated PON1, Oil Pollution Prevention &amp; Control and the new Integrated Reporting System guidance and changes to permit conditions under the Pollution, Prevention &amp; Control Regulations (PPC), the Offshore Chemical Regulations (OCR), and the Oil Pollution Prevention &amp; Control Regulations.</p> <p>A Post Implementation Review of the Energy Act 2008 (Consequential Modifications) (Offshore Environmental) Order 2010 was completed and published.</p>
Changes to management of regulator	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.

\* For detailed guidance on the exclusion categories, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-regulation-framework>

\*\* Complete the summary box as 'Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.' where this is appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> A **Petroleum Operations Notice 1** (PON1) is the notice used to report all releases to sea of oil and offshore chemicals that occur during offshore oil and gas activities.