



**ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT
PROFORMA**

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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:

The purpose of this Environmental Alert is to inform operators of the Department's policy regarding an emergency requirement relating to a consent for the Deposit of Materials on the Seabed (DepCon), and an amendment of the associated Pipelines Operations Deposit Direction, outwith normal office hours.

INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:

In an emergency situation and outwith office hours, when operators wish to deposit material in excess of that consented in a DepCon and authorised under the associated Pipelines Operations Deposit Direction, they should inform the Department's Duty Environmental Inspector via the emergency out of hours telephone number: 0207 215 3505/3234.

- If the situation is deemed to be an emergency, or one that could not have been reasonably foreseen, the Duty Environmental Inspector will consider issuing a post-direction amendment (PDA) for the supporting Pipelines Operations Deposit Direction.
- This will involve the operator responding to a number of set questions and demonstrating that the additional deposit of material will not adversely affect the marine environment.
- Once issued, consents relating to the deposit of materials on the seabed (DepCons) are not varied, only the Pipelines Operations Deposit Direction can be varied. Details of discussions between the Duty Inspector and the operator, including information relating to any post-direction amendment, will thereafter be provided to the DECC Consents Team.
- The operator must contact the Consents Team (Claire.grant@decc.gsi.gov.uk) during office hours as a matter of urgency, to inform them of the deposits that are over and above those previously consented. The Consents Team will then advise the operator on the next steps.

Further Information

Any queries relating to this alert should be addressed to:

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