



ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT PROFORMA	
ALERT NUMBER: 001/2016	ISSUE DATE: 15 April 2016
INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS: <p>Further to a review undertaken by DECC, it has been established that a number of operators are providing inaccurate Latitude and Longitude information when reporting incidents via PON1 reports, resulting in some cases, errors in the reported location of the incident.</p> <p>A sample of PON1s submitted in 2014 and 2015 established that of the 558 reports reviewed, 7% held differences between the reported incident location based on latitude and longitude coordinates compared to the installation location stated in the OPEP as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 250m = 55%• 251 – 500m = 2.5%• 501 – 750m = 0%• 751 – 1km = 10%• 1km+ = 32.5%	
INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS: <p>The review indicated that insufficient QA checks were undertaken on a number of PON1 submissions.</p> <p>Operators are aware that PON1 reports are utilised by relevant authorities as a pollution incident notification system and the data used for mapping of pollution incidents. It is a requirement that notifications include accurate location information to enable authorities to accurately pinpoint the location of the installation involved. Examples of inaccurate recording include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• assigning coordinates incorrectly as East / West;• errors of up to 2 degrees latitude noted, leading to errors of greater than 200km; and• location details provided for host platform instead of for subsea tiebacks, leading to errors of up to 22km. <p>Further to the findings from this review, operators / owners should review installation and tie-back facilities co-ordinates to ensure accurate location reporting.</p>	
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