



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: 13th December 2019 to 16th December 2020

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 exclusions.
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 exclusions.
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 exclusions.
Pro-competition	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Fines and Penalties	OPRED has issued one Improvement Notice under the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974; The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc) Regulations 2015 and four civil penalties under the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012 totalling £110,612 (paid in full). The number of notices and civil penalties issued were broadly similar to those in previous years.
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
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 exclusions.
Casework	15 Decommissioning Programmes for offshore oil and gas installations and pipelines under Section 29 of the Petroleum Act 1998 have been approved during the reporting period. OPRED have also supported the execution of a further 71 projects and held discussions regarding two new financial security agreements. No activities listed represent a change in the burden of regulation placed on business.
Education, communications and promotion	An updated OPRED Enforcement Policy document was published in January 2020. The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and

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	<p>Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) were laid before Parliament and enter 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 (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU). The financial impact of the 2020 Regulations on the offshore oil and gas sector will be extremely limited, as it is not anticipated that there will be any significant additional costs relating to their implementation, as compared to the previous 1999 Regulations.</p> <p>A number of pieces of environmental guidance were published including on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Large Combustion Plant (LCP) Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference (BREF) Conclusions (BATc) and Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) Article 15(4) and the LCP Cost Benefit Analysis Tool. The introduction of this guidance does not introduce any new costs for the offshore oil and gas sector, it provides a derogation process. - The Risk Based Approach for the Management of Produced Water which updated the previous guidance document to align with the OSPAR Recommendation reporting cycle. <p>OPRED participates in regular meetings with Oil & 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 10-week public consultation was carried out on a draft of the Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020. The Government Response was published prior to the Regulations being laid before Parliament.</p> <p>Two-week engagement exercises with industry were carried out regarding the Large Combustion Plant (LCP) Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference (BREF) derogation guidance and the Large Combustion Plant (LCP) Cost Benefit Analysis Tool guidance, respectively.</p> <p>A two-week engagement exercise with industry was carried out regarding the Risk Based Approach for the Management of Produced Water Guidance.</p>
Changes to management of regulator	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.

* For full, legal definitions of these exclusion categories, please see

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-06-20/HCWS776/>

** 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.