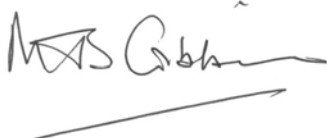
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Cost recovery for consents issued under petroleum or offshore methane gas and carbon dioxide storage licences and Pipeline Works Authorisations	
Lead Department/Agency	Department of Energy and Climate Change	
Stage	Final	
Origin	Domestic	
IA number	0095	
Date submitted to RPC	27/02/2013	
RPC Opinion date and reference	05/03/2013	RPC12-DECC-1490(2)
OIOO Assessment	GREEN	
<p>Overall comments on the robustness of the OIOO assessment. The IA says that the proposal is a regulatory measure (an IN) with an estimated EANCB of £0.06m, which appears to be a reasonable assessment of the policy and consistent with OIOO methodology.</p>		
<p>Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA</p> <p><i>Costs and Benefits</i> The IA clearly sets out the costs to the industry of the proposed fee for consents for petroleum or offshore methane gas and carbon dioxide storage licences; and explains that the costs to business of a small administrative burden are justified by the benefits in terms of improved resource allocation. The IA could have been more explicit about the size of this administrative burden.</p> <p>The IA says “It is not anticipated that the imposition of charges at the sort of level suggested would affect the level of upstream activity resulting in a change of demand for any of the consents. Similarly, it is not expected that the level and scale of charges proposed would be passed on to final consumers of oil or gas.” (page 6). The IA should provide more explanation and evidence on these assumptions.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	