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Consents given under the Petroleum Act 1998 and Reviews under the Assessment of Environmental Effects Regulations 1999

Fiddich Development Project

The Fiddich Development Project is located in Block 22/19 in the Central North sea, approximately 220km north east of Aberdeen. Talisman Energy propose to drill two wells (3.7km a part) using WBM and LTOBM, where drilling and completing operations will last approximately 180 days. Installation of well manifolds and facilities required to produce and transport the reservoir fluids from the Fiddich wells to the ETAP platform, will include:

- A single 6" flowline (10.2km), trenched 2m below the seabed;
- A 3" gas lift/service pipeline piggybacked to the production line;
- A combined 12" control, power, signal, hydraulic and chemical injection umbilical, laid in a separate trench.
- Rock dump of the production/gas lift pipelines;
- Modification of the NE platform leg of the ETAP platform with a retrofitted riser caisson, which will include a production riser, service/gas lift line and J-tube/umbilical.

The environmental sensitivities at the proposed location and the potential impacts arising from the proposed development have been assessed within the Environmental Statement submitted to the Department in March 2006. A detailed impact assessment has been undertaken. Where the assessment identified issues of potential significance, mitigation measures are in place to ensure that impacts are kept to a minimum. Details of environmental management systems and spill contingency were also presented.

After a period of public consultation and having taken onboard the advice from statutory consultees, the Environmental Statement was approved on 24th July 2006.

