

**ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT
PROFORMA**

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INCIDENT DETAILS: During recent out of hours oil pollution incidents, emergency contact numbers, provided by separate operators, on the PON1 were found to be incomplete or incorrect.

INITIAL FINDINGS:

When the on call inspector tried to contact the operators to gain further information on the reported pollution incidents it was found that the phone number detailed on the PON1 required the caller to input an extension number, not provided on the PON1 or was incorrect.

The gathering and collation of information relating to pollution incidents is essential to ensure the correct response strategy is being implemented and the inability to contact operators for such information could hinder this process.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Operators are reminded that emergency contact details must be regularly checked and updated to ensure their accuracy, as detailed within the recently re-issued Guidance Notes to operators of UK Offshore Oil and Gas Installations on Oil Pollution Emergency Plan Requirements, section 15. Operators must also ensure that the phone numbers provided on the PON1 have 24 hour availability.

Further Information

Any queries relating to this alert should be addressed to:

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