

## ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

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### **INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:**

#### **Lost or Dropped Objects from Offshore Installations**

DECC has recently received a number of PON2 submissions detailing articles lost or dropped to sea from offshore installations. The cause of the increase in lost articles has been attributed to adverse weather conditions.

Lost or dropped articles have the potential to cause an impact on the environment, to other users of the sea and also may impact subsea infrastructure.

### **INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:**

Installations should be assessed for any structures which may become detached during adverse weather. Appropriate actions must be taken to prevent articles from being lost or dropped.

Operators should review their adverse weather policies during periods of high winds to ensure the risk of lost or dropped articles to sea is minimised.

Operators should ensure all loose articles are securely stored during periods of adverse weather.

In the event that any articles are deposited in the sea, operators are reminded of the requirements for submitting a PON2 notification. Further guidance on PON2 submissions may be found at [http://og.decc.gov.uk/en/olgs/cms/pons\\_and\\_cop/pons/pons.aspx](http://og.decc.gov.uk/en/olgs/cms/pons_and_cop/pons/pons.aspx)

Operators are reminded that for any article deposited in the sea requiring a PON2 submission, the PON2 should be submitted no later than six hours after the event takes place.

### **Further Information**

Any queries relating to this alert should be addressed to:

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