



Offshore Petroleum Regulator
for Environment & Decommissioning

**ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT
PROFORMA**

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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:

Note to Industry of the requirement to inform the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) of relevant offshore oil and gas operations.

INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:

Following a meeting between OPRED, UKHO and the General Lighthouse Authorities it has come to our attention that the UKHO have not been consistently notified by industry of activities / operations as required by the Schedule of Consent Conditions attached to Consents to Locate.

Consent Holders are reminded that the UKHO must be informed of the following.

Prior to the Works

Schedule of Consent Conditions 4 (e)

The UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) shall be informed:

- (i) In advance of the proposed Works, confirming the proposed programme of work and starting date; and*
- (ii) At least 48 hours in advance of the commencement of the programme of work, so that arrangements can be made for the transmission of navigational warnings to shipping.*



During the Works

Schedule of Consent Condition 5 (h)

Immediately following the execution of the location operations, the UKHO shall be provided with written confirmation of the precise geographical co-ordinates of the permanent / fixed installation and the geodetic datum upon which the co-ordinates are based, so that relevant Admiralty Charts can be updated as necessary. Where appropriate, the notifications should be supported by as-laid charts or engineering drawings.

Schedule of Consent Condition 5 (k)

The Department, the UKHO, the MCA and the appropriate General Lighthouse Authority shall be notified immediately in the event of the following incidents:

- (i) If either the main or subsidiary navigational lights fall below a two mile visibility radius;*
- (ii) If fog signals cannot be given; and*
- (iii) If any element of the aids to navigation are operating on stand-by because of a primary system failure.*

Schedule of Consent Condition 5 (l)

If any part of the permanent / fixed installation and associated infrastructure is wrecked or damaged or goes adrift, the consent holder shall:

- (i) Inform the Department, the UKHO, the MCA and the appropriate General Lighthouse Authority immediately.*



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OPRED requires operators to ensure they have systems in place to ensure that UKHO, in addition to all relevant Stakeholders, are notified of situations as required by the Schedule of Consent Conditions.

Further Information

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