



Department for
Business, Energy
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BUSINESS IMPACT TARGET: SUMMARY TEMPLATE

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions
(NQRPs) summary reporting template

Regulator: BEIS – Offshore Petroleum Regulator Environment & Decommissioning (OPRED)

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 21 June 2019 – 12 December 2019

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**
Measures certified as being below <i>de minimis</i> (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
EU Regulations, Decisions and Directives and other international obligations, including the implementation of the EU Withdrawal Bill and EU Withdrawal Agreement	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Measures certified as concerning EU Withdrawal Bill operability measures	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Pro-competition	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Fines and Penalties	OPRED has issued one enforcement notice under The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2015 and two civil penalties under the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012 totalling £53,471 (paid in full). The number of enforcement notices and civil penalties issued were broadly similar to those of similar periods in previous years.
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Measures certified as relating to the safety of tenants, residents and occupants in response to the Grenfell tragedy	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.
Casework	Eleven Decommissioning Programmes for offshore oil and gas installations and pipelines under Section 29 of the Petroleum Act 1998 have been approved during the reporting period. OPRED have also supported the execution of a further 52

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	<p>projects and secured two financial security agreements. No activities listed represent a change in the burden of regulation placed on business.</p>
<p>Education, communications and promotion</p>	<p>OPRED participates in regular meetings with Oil & Gas UK (OGUK), the industry representative body. The OGUK Environment Forum meetings are attended by environmental representatives of virtually all the active offshore operators. OPRED also participates in the technical working groups set up by OGUK to discuss specific areas of interest.</p> <p>OPRED continue to participate (quarterly) in an Industry Forum (created in July 2017), with representatives from a range of oil and gas companies to hear directly any industry concerns as well as advise of forthcoming regulatory activities.</p> <p>OPRED has presented at five industry conferences on operational and environmental matters and five conferences on decommissioning, as well as giving numerous presentations to operators and other stakeholders throughout the period.</p>
<p>Activity related to policy development</p>	<p>A two-week public consultation was carried out in October 2019 in relation to an update of OPRED's Enforcement Policy. The main change in the policy relates to the introduction of Civil Sanctions under the Offshore Environmental Civil Sanctions Regulations 2018. The monetary Civil Penalties are designed to be imposed, instead of being in addition to a criminal prosecution. Criminal prosecutions will continue to be retained for the most serious breaches of legislation. The remaining amendments to the policy will have no significant impact on industry.</p> <p>A number of responses were received from industry focussing primarily on industry's interpretation and understanding of the wording contained in the document and OPRED's response to the consultation will be published in due course.</p> <p>OPRED, along with the Health & Safety Executive, undertook an offshore oil & gas industry survey from 10 June to 12 July 2019 to gather industry feedback for the purposes of a Post Implementation Review of The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 [OPRED lead] and The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015 [HSE lead]. The survey was followed up by two workshops in September 2019 with offshore oil & gas industry trade associations and members to gather further information. The draft PIR is being prepared and is due for publication by July 2020.</p>

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Changes to management of regulator	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.

* For detailed guidance on the exclusion categories, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-regulation-framework>