



Offshore Petroleum Regulator
for Environment & Decommissioning

The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020

Launch of consultation

We are contacting you to invite responses to a consultation which BEIS's Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning launched today on the proposed Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 which seek to replace the Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipe-lines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999. The consultation, which **closes on 2 October 2020**, can be seen here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/amendments-to-the-environmental-impact-assessment-regime-for-offshore-oil-and-gas-projects>.

The proposed 2020 Regulations would consolidate, clarify and simplify the provisions of the 1999 Regulations and provide a clear process for the publication and challenge of decisions. The proposed Regulations also incorporate other changes such as the inclusion of civil sanctions.

Responses can be submitted online at: <https://beisgovuk.citizenspace.com/energy-development/draft-eia-regs> or via email to: BST@beis.gov.uk. When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. Your response will be most useful if it is framed in direct response to the questions posed. Additional comments or representations you wish to make about the proposals are also welcomed.

Please do not send responses by post to the department as we will not be able to access them at this time.

Should you have any queries on the above, please contact BST@beis.gov.uk.

Kind regards
Business Support Team