



Offshore Petroleum Regulator  
for Environment & Decommissioning

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

We are contacting you to advise that:

- (i) The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) were laid in Parliament today (see details at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1497/contents/made>) and will enter into force on 31 December 2020; and
- (ii) the Government Response to the consultation on a draft of the 2020 Regulations has also been published at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/amendments-to-the-environmental-impact-assessment-regime-for-offshore-oil-and-gas-projects>.

A revised guidance document on the offshore oil and gas environmental impact assessment regime (i.e. to reflect the regulatory changes being introduced by the 2020 Regulations) is in the process of being finalised and we will send you a further notification once it has been officially published on the relevant BEIS / OPRED legislation webpage.

Should you have any queries on the above, please contact [BST@beis.gov.uk](mailto:BST@beis.gov.uk).

Kind regards  
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