



Offshore Petroleum Regulator
for Environment & Decommissioning

**DEFRA CONSULTATION ON AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES TO
ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

We are contacting you to advise that Defra recently launched (26 July) a consultation on amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules which will be required to establish environmental review in the High Court. Environmental review will be the bespoke litigation mechanism for the Office for Environmental Protection - the new independent statutory environmental body provided for under the impending Environment Bill which is currently before Parliament. The consultation is accessible at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-governance-team/consultation-on-amending-the-civil-procedure-rules/> and the closing date for responses is 6 September 2021.

We hope this is helpful.

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