

THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

Alwyn East Development Project

TotalEnergies E&P UK Ltd has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”) in relation to the above project.

Summary of Project

The proposed activities relate to the drilling of a new well in the Alwyn East field as part of the life-extension strategy in the Alwyn Area, which comprises eight other fields: Alwyn North, Dunbar, Ellon, Grant, Nuggets, Forvie North, Jura and Islay. The Alwyn East field is located in the Northern North Sea in United Kingdom Continental Shelf (UKCS) Blocks 3/04b, 3/04g and 3/05a, approximately 5.8 km north east of the Alwyn North platform (situated in Block 3/09a). The Alwyn North platform is 136 km east of Shetland and 9 km from the UK/Norwegian median line, in a water depth of 130 m.

The Alwyn East well will be drilled via extended reach drilling as a sidetrack from an existing wellbore located at the platform and produce directly into the Alwyn North production facilities. Consequently, there are no new subsea facilities associated with the drilling and production from Alwyn East. Some upgrades to the existing topside facilities on the platform are currently being undertaken, as part of enabling works for upcoming drilling campaigns, including Alwyn East.

If hydrocarbons are encountered at Alwyn East, oil will be mixed with fluids from the other fields producing into Alwyn and processed through the separation facilities on the Alwyn North platform before being exported via the Cormorant Alpha pipeline to the Sullom Voe Terminal. Gas will be processed through the platform gas separator prior to export to St Fergus via the St Fergus Terminal pipeline system.

The Alwyn East drilling campaign is planned for spring 2022 and will take up to a maximum of 175 days. First oil is expected by September 2022.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure and regulation 13 applies as the project could have a significant effect on the environment of Norway.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State’s decision on whether to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application of consent is:

- (a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA’s grant of consent following the Secretary of State’s conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;

- (b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- (c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that TotalEnergies E&P UK Ltd must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measure to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and OGA decisions for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia> where information on the Secretary of State's decision to agree to or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

Access to Further Information

Copies of this notice, the summary of the project and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded at <https://services.totalenergies.uk/publications> and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>. Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under Regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

A copy of the Environmental Statement and summary of the project may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to:

NNS HSE Manager
TotalEnergies E&P UK Ltd
TotalEnergies House
Tarland Road
Westhill
Aberdeenshire
AB32 6JZ

Or by email to alwyn-east@totalenergies.com or by telephone 01224 297000 by 22nd November 2021.

Public Consultation

Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 22nd November 2021. All representations should quote reference number D/4264/2021 and may be made by letter or by email to:

Business Support Team
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
AB1 Building
Crimon Place

Aberdeen
AB10 1BJ

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Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may use the procedure to apply for judicial review regarding the decisions made in respect of this project. A court may allow proceedings to challenge a decision made in respect of the Regulations.