



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy

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: 17th December 2021 to 16th December 2022

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**
Measures certified as being below de minimis (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 exclusion.
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 exclusion.
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 exclusion.
Pro-competition	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Fines and Penalties	OPRED has issued 2 Enforcement Notices under the Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2015, 1 Enforcement Notice under the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002 and 1 Civil Sanction under the Offshore Environmental Civil Sanctions Regulations 2018 totalling £25,000 (paid in full). The number of notices and civil penalties issued were broadly similar to previous years.
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
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 exclusion.
Casework	<p>35 Decommissioning Programmes for offshore oil and gas installations and pipelines under Section 29 of the Petroleum Act 1998 have been approved and the Offshore Decommissioning Unit have also supported the execution of a further 103 projects.</p> <p>4,622 permits and consents for offshore oil and gas environmental activities have been issued.</p> <p>No activities listed represent a change in the burden of regulation placed on business.</p>

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Education, communications and promotion	<p>Environmental guidance was published covering:- Stack Monitoring, and the preparation of Oil Pollution Emergency Plans (OPEP).</p> <p>Updated guidance on safety and environmental issues for licensing and operatorship has also been published. The guidance sets out the requirements for prospective licensees and operators to provide a number of submissions in support of their licence application, including submissions to enable the assessment of their safety and environmental capability.</p> <p>The guidance provides clarification and does not represent a change in the burden of regulation placed on business.</p> <p>OPRED participated in regular meetings with Offshore Energies UK (OEUK), the industry representative body, as well as giving numerous presentations to operators, industry bodies, UK and international regulators / other stakeholders and engaged in OSPAR's Oil Industry Committee (OIC) activity throughout the period.</p>
Activity related to policy development	<p>A public consultation was carried out on the new Offshore Energy Strategic Environmental Assessment (OESEA4) Environmental Report, which sought views on the recommendations contained within it in relation to future licensing / leasing of offshore energy developments on the UKCS. A Government Response was subsequently published and a Written Ministerial Statement made.</p> <p>One other consultation was held with industry relating to Stack Monitoring guidance.</p>
Changes to management of regulator	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.

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

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