

# **Environmental Performance Review 2023**

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## 1.0 FOREWORD



I am pleased to share Spirit Energy's Environmental Performance Review for 2023.

In 2023, Spirit Energy continued as an energy company-focused on optimising the potential of our assets in the basins of north-west Europe. We are meeting this challenge as a lean, agile, and sustainable business adaptable to changing market pressures, whilst operating in a safe, socially conscious, and environmentally responsible way.

Spirit Energy recognises the significant role that the upstream oil and gas industry plays in reducing global greenhouse gas emissions. We value our industry's importance in delivering secure energy supplies when the world needs them most. We are also committed to becoming a Net Zero company by 2050 and have established ambitious targets to ensure we are making the right progress towards that goal.

To order to minimise our environmental impact, Spirit Energy adheres to a robust HSES Policy. This policy outlines our responsibilities for environmental stewardship and our commitment to improving our environmental performance. We use an integrated approach that embeds the environmental management of our operations into our business management practices. This report summarises our environmental performance across our operated assets in the UK, and the Netherlands.

During 2023, our teams across the UK and the Netherlands produced 14.7 million barrels of oil equivalent (mmboe). In doing so, we had no Tier 2 process safety incidents and a small number of unplanned releases to sea. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our teams – particularly those in operational roles – who have continued to secure energy supplies in challenging circumstances. Our total recordable incident frequency had increased from 0.30 in 2022 to 0.38 in 2023. We firmly believe that an Incident Free Workplace is possible, and this will remain a focus both for our supply chain partners and ourselves in the years to come.

Our industry is responsible for supplying reliable and affordable energy products, whilst also providing solutions to climate change. We take that dual responsibility seriously – throughout our operations, the safety of our people and our commitment to the environment remain foremost in our minds and a critical part of our strategy.

Scott McGinival

Technical services and HSES Director

## 2.0 HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY POLICY



At Spirit Energy, creating an incident-free workplace is our top priority. All employees and business partners are required to comply with this policy and our commitments outlined below.

We are committed to:

**Assessing**, understanding, and managing our HSES risks and impacts

**Enabling** the creation of a positive culture holding each other accountable, helping us to: achieve our HSES goals; support business growth; and realise our vision of an incident free workplace

**Proactively** supporting employee health and safety, seeking ways to protect the environment, including the prevention of pollution, efficient use of resources and the reduction of waste and carbon emissions

**Empowering and encouraging** personnel to work in a safe way

**Intervening** if we believe that the work environment or task is unsafe or may cause environmental damage, or we see an unsafe act

**Learning** from our successes and incidents, and freely sharing lessons with business partners

**Working with stakeholders**, suppliers, and business partners in the pursuit of good practice in HSES

**Continually improving** and setting measurable objectives and targets in business plans to enhance HSES performance

**Developing** and testing prioritised incident response and recovery plans to protect our people, the environment and minimize business impact

**Ethically conducting our business** and complying with regulatory and other applicable requirements

**Playing our part** in helping to sustainably meet energy demand and to become net-zero company for our operational emissions

**Minimizing** our impacts and those of suppliers through innovation, technology, and cultural change

**Exploring** how we could reuse our infrastructure to support net zero obligations

Our HSES management system enables the delivery of these policy commitments, is structured in line with recognised good practice, and is routinely assured. Independent certification to ISO 14001 shall be maintained.

Our performance is reviewed regularly, and relevant results published.

Neil McCulloch

Chief Executive

### 3.0 OUR OPERATIONS

Spirit Energy has a diverse portfolio of operated and non-operated assets, shown in Figure 3-1.



Figure 3-1 Spirit Energy Operations

## 4.0 OPERATIONS PORTFOLIO

Our operations are organized into two asset groups – the North Sea (including facilities in both the UK and the Netherlands), and Morecambe Bay.



### North Sea

In the southern North Sea, our operated assets include the York NPAI and the Greater Markham Area (GMA). GMA straddles the UK and Dutch sectors and produces from several fields (Markham, Chiswick, Grove, and Kew) tied back to the J6A platform. One of our operated assets in the central North Sea (Chestnut oil field) located in the central part of the UK North Sea, which was produced via the Hummingbird Spirit floating production, storage, and offloading (FPSO) vessel ceased production and moved off location in June 2022.

In addition to routine operations at these facilities, York continued its life extension project which included the re-routing of the pipeline and installation of methanol injection skid offshore. A corrosion and scale inhibitor skid was then commissioned early 2023. The field has shown steady operation since first gas and is now being decommissioned in 2024. Our activities also included further progress on decommissioning the A-Fields (Alison, Annabel, Ann, and Audrey), specifically the removal of subsea infrastructure and materials.

Spirit Energy continue to conduct pre-abandonment well intervention operations in the Trees Field, to allow for P & A operations scheduled for 2023.



### Morecambe Bay

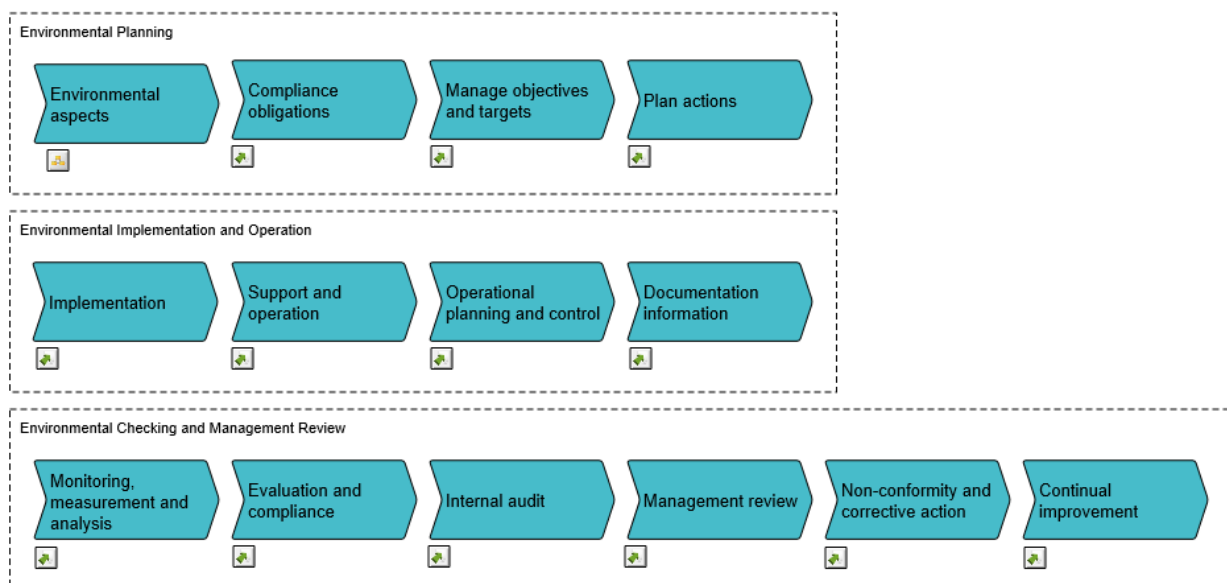
The combined fields of Morecambe Bay continue to provide a significant portion of the UK's gas supply, having produced more than 6.5 trillion cubic feet of gas for UK homes and businesses since coming on stream in 1985. The Morecambe Bay fields are produced via the South Morecambe platform and the Central Processing Complex (comprising three bridge-linked installations) as well as seven NPAIs and two subsea tiebacks.

Decommissioning of two NPAIs in Morecambe Bay, DP3 and DP4, topsides continued in 2021-2023 reducing our footprint in the region as we remove infrastructure which is no longer required. Both jackets are now scheduled for removal during 2023. The Barrow Gas Terminals (Barrow North and Rivers) process all the gas from Morecambe Bay including gathering and processing services for third parties.



## 5.0 OUR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Spirit Energy Health, Safety, Environment and Security (HSES) Policy outlines our responsibilities in relation to environmental stewardship and our commitment to continually improve our environmental performance. The environmental management of our operations (shown in Figure 5-1) is incorporated into our fully integrated business management system. This integrated system ensures the embedding of environmental requirements into all our business practices to deliver maximum benefit.



**Figure 5-1 Environmental Management System Structure**

The following key impacts and risks are managed within routine operations:

- Greenhouse gas emissions from power generation, flaring and venting
- Air pollutant emissions
- Oil discharged in produced water
- Chemical use and discharge to sea
- Surface water and effluent discharge
- Waste generation and disposal
- Unplanned events – emissions, discharges and permit non-compliances

Performance is reported externally to the regulators and internally to operations and executive leadership. Performance data are also reported to other forums such as to the Carbon Disclosure Project and are available on our shareholders website ([Sustainability \(centrica.com\)](https://www.centrica.com)) and performance data under Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR).



Improvements in performance are planned and managed within the annual improvement planning cycle. These improvements are approved by senior leadership and aligned with business operational plans. Maximum benefit from strategic initiatives and improvements can be achieved across the business through this planning process.

The activities in our operated assets from exploration to decommissioning are certified to the Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2015.

This report summarises the performance and initiatives of Spirit Energy's production, and decommissioning operations in 2023 and the planned improvements for the coming years for our ultra-late life assets.

## 6.0 OUR PERFORMANCE

The environmental performance of our activities in 2023 is summarised in the following sections.

### 6.1 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

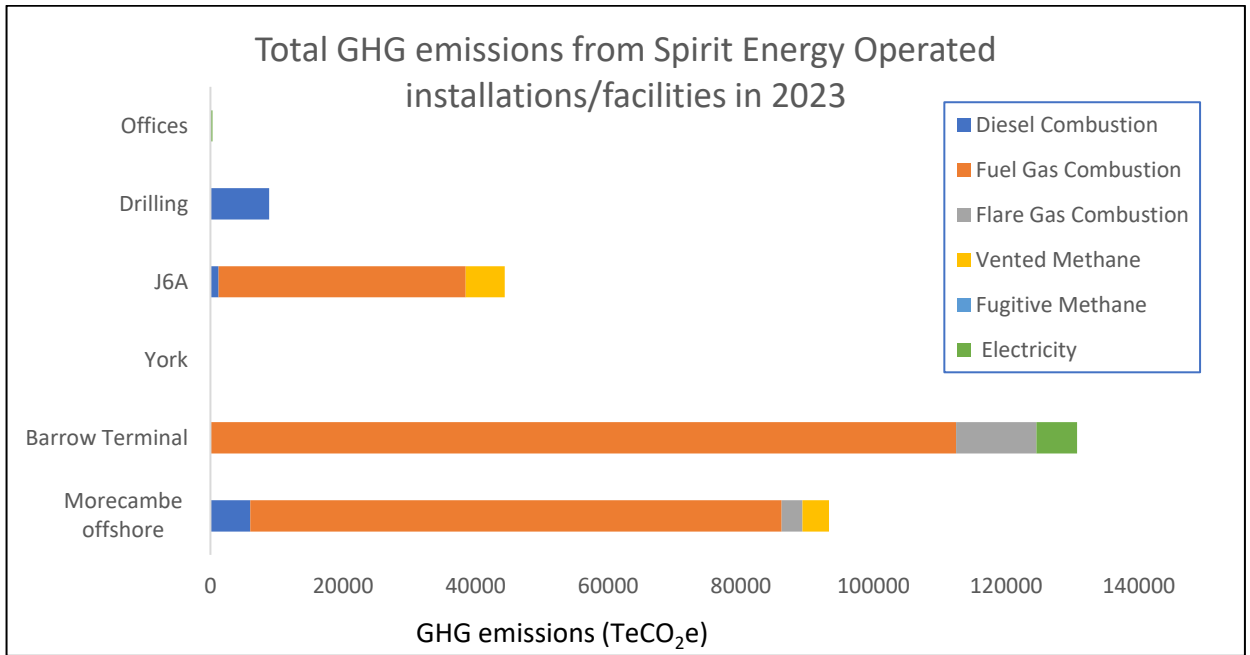
Most emissions to the atmosphere from our installations are from gas-fired turbines used for power generation and gas compression. The lack of process and compression equipment on the smaller NPAs results in considerably lower emissions from these installations. Carbon dioxide from the combustion emissions at the Morecambe Hub and the Barrow Gas Terminals are part of the UK Emissions Trading System (UK ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme)).

A wider scope of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are also reported under Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) as tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (TeCO<sub>2e</sub>). This includes the emissions covered by UK ETS, combustion emissions from non-EU ETS installations/equipment, flaring and venting emissions, formation CO<sub>2</sub> and purchased electricity.

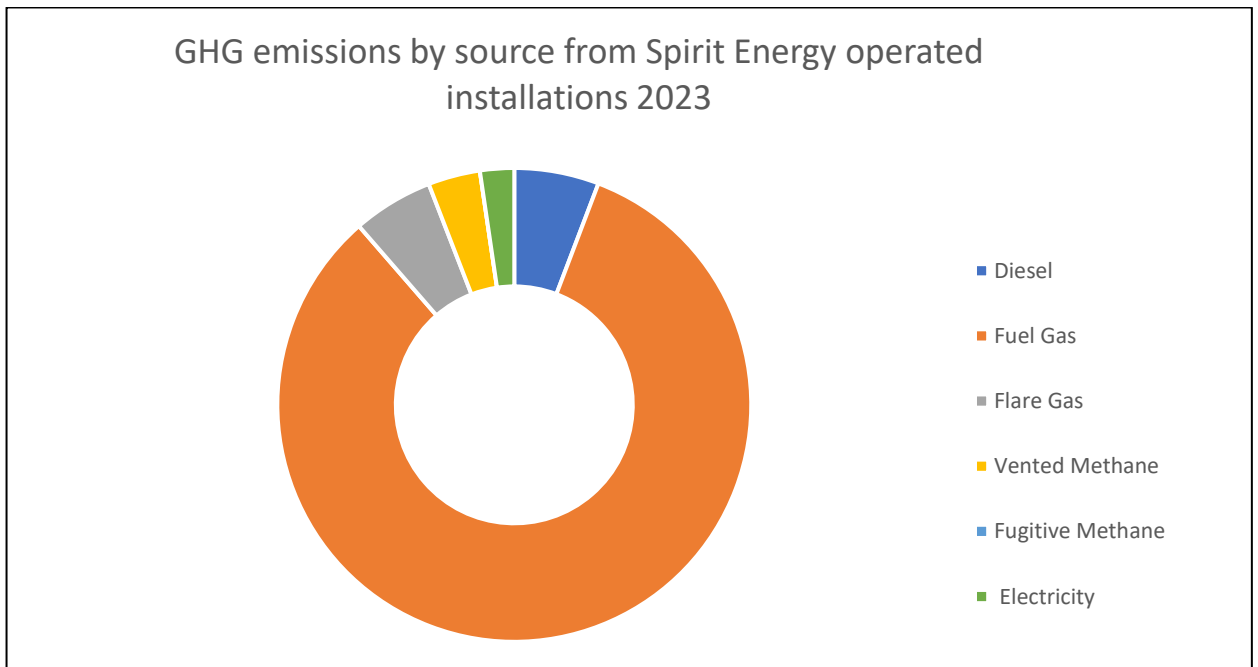
The way in which Spirit Energy reports GHG emissions is being updated, therefore historical data is not included in this report. Historical data from 2020 onwards will be reported as our baseline in the following years so that trends in these data can be shared going forward.

The reduction in emissions from 2022 – 2023 is in part due to asset shutdown periods and natural production decline as well as actively managing operational emissions on Spirit's operated assets through our Production and Emissions Management Standard. An Emissions Management was created and successfully implemented on offshore upstream and onshore midstream assets. This standard aligns with Spirit Energy's existing production management system, and facilitates real-time intra-day emissions monitoring, interventions, and management.

Figure 6-1 shows the total emissions from Spirit Energy's operated offshore installations, drilling operations, onshore terminal, and offices during 2023. Figure 6-2 shows the breakdown of these emissions by source for the same installations/facilities.



**Figure 6-1 Total GHG emissions from Spirit Energy operated installations/facilities in 2023**

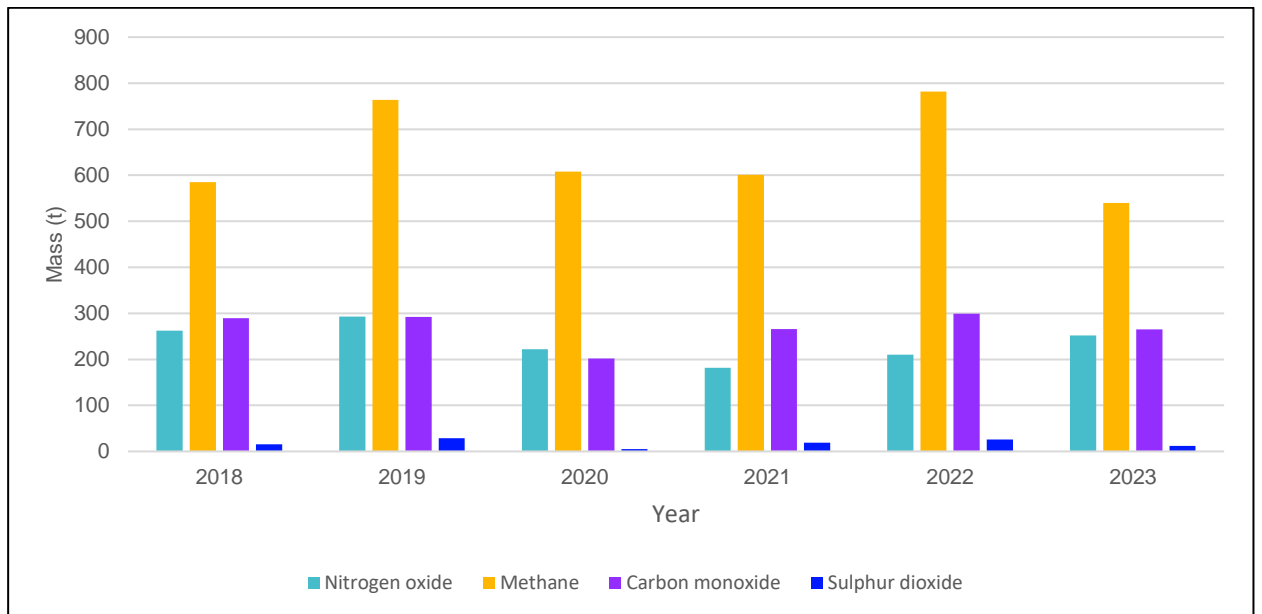


**Figure 6-2 GHG emissions by source from Spirit Energy operated installations/facilities in 2023**

## 6.2 ONSHORE PERFORMANCE - TERMINAL EMISSIONS

The Barrow Gas Terminal operates under an Environment Permit which is regulated by the Environment Agency (EA) and an annual performance report is submitted to the EA for the site.

Emissions to air from the process and discharges to water are monitored and managed within the limits specified in the permit. Any deviation from these limits is investigated to prevent a recurrence. Emissions to air from the Barrow Gas Terminal are monitored and managed within the limits specified in the Environmental Permit. The emissions of specific atmospheric pollutants are shown in Figure 6-3 below. The low emissions in 2018 reflect extended shutdown periods, whilst the 2019 emissions reflect more stable production throughout the year as well as 2022 which is reflected in the associated emissions.



**Figure 6-3 Emissions of nitrogen oxides, methane, carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide from Barrow Gas Terminal 2018-2023**

### 6.3 OIL IN WATER

Oil is discharged to sea under Spirit Energy’s oil discharge permits at the South Morecambe and J6A platforms. Hummingbird Production Limited (named Teekay) FPSO was located in the Chestnut field sailed away at the end of June 2022. Small volumes of oil were also discharged as part of drilling operations (well testing and cleanup) at the Chestnut and Chiswick fields.

The oil discharged in produced water from our Morecambe Bay assets is consistently very low due to the nature of the gas reservoir. Our North Sea assets show a decreasing trend due to end of life and improved operational process efficiencies.

The mass of oil discharged from Spirit Energy’s assets between 2018 and 2023 is shown in Figure 6-4.

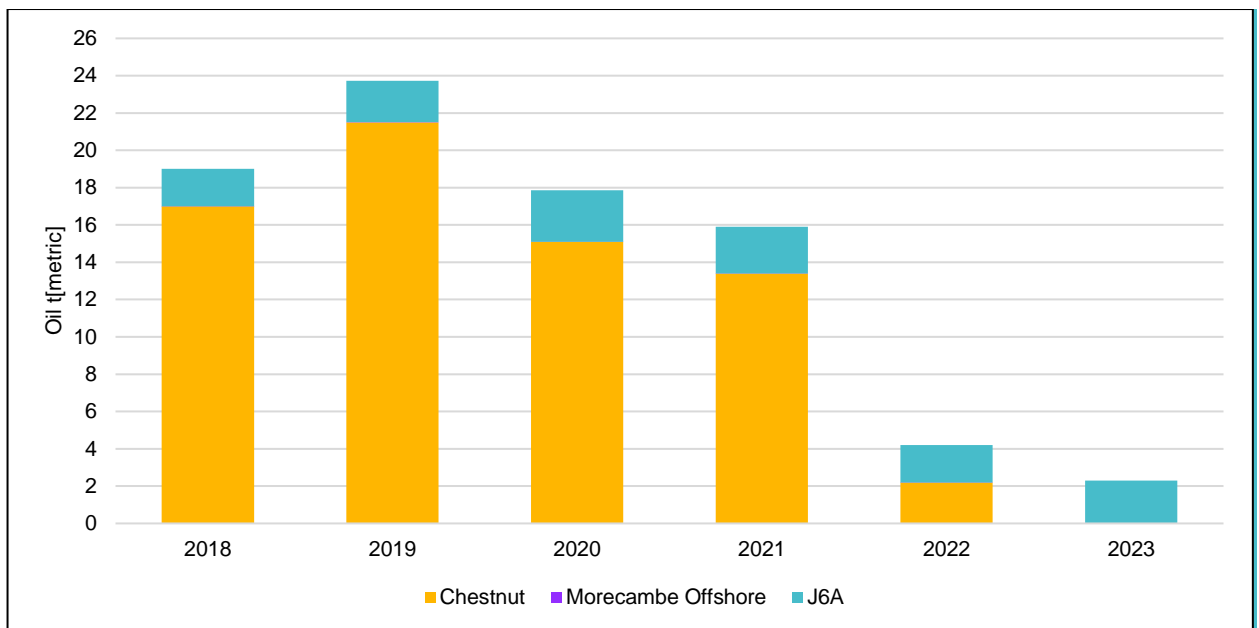


Figure 6-4 Oil discharged to sea in produced water 2017-2023

## **6.4 CHEMICAL USE AND DISCHARGE**

The amount and type of chemicals used and discharged during our offshore operations differ depending on the activities and reservoir types, for example the rock type to be drilled, well design and production functions. Spirit Energy works with its suppliers to ensure that the least harmful chemicals are used in our operations and all chemical use and discharge is permitted by the appropriate authority.

There are no chemicals with substitution warnings on Spirit Energy's operated production installations (except for a hydraulic fluid on the Calder platform which is used in a closed loop system). There are chemicals with substitution warnings or red category labels in use on our term chemical permits for drilling and intervention operations in the UK.

In some applications, the use of red category chemicals or those with substitution warnings is unavoidable, for example to ensure well integrity. In the UK sector during 2023 there were less than 13 substitution chemicals included in term permits for wells activities. A significant number of these were not used at all or used (but not discharged). Work continues to identify replacement products across our activities and is summarised for the UK in the review of the technical justifications for chemicals flagged for substitution carried out within Spirit Energy.

## 6.5 WASTE

Waste is a key area for environmental impact, from the potential for contamination from hazardous wastes to long term impacts of waste such as plastics in our environment. As decommissioning activities including well plug and abandonment are increasing in our operations schedule, we are working to minimise the production of waste such as disposing of cleaning fluids downhole instead of bringing them back ashore.

The final fate of waste from our operated installations and drilling operations are waste to energy, reuse, recycle, other, landfill and incinerate and are shown in Figure 6-. The average recycling percentage of all production, well operation, development and decommissioning projects in the UK and Netherlands was greater than 80% in 2023.

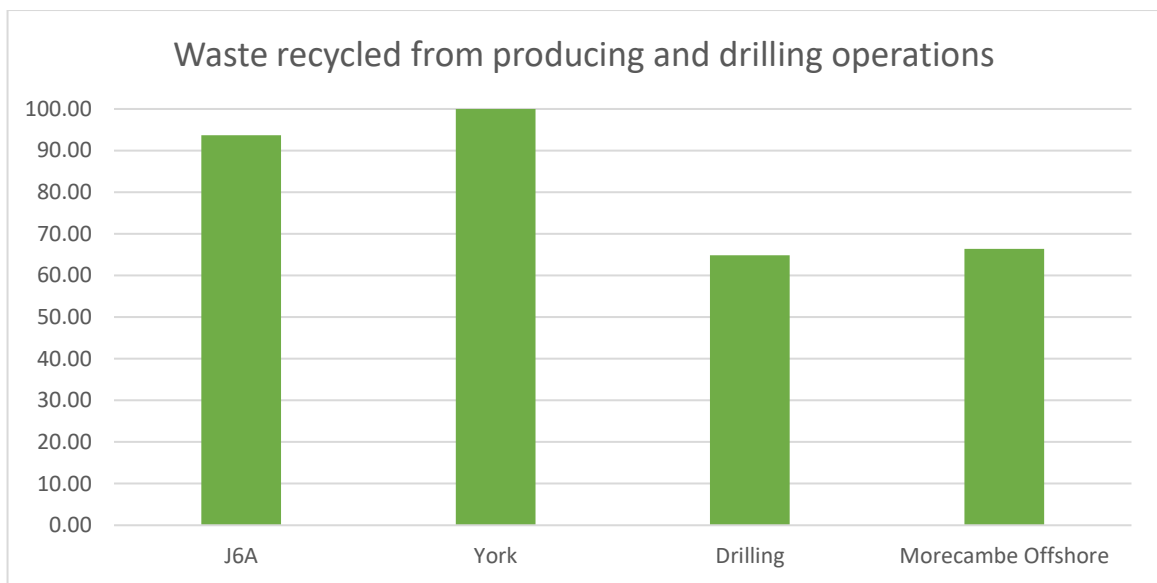


Figure 6-5 Recycled waste in UK and Netherlands

## **6.6 UNPLANNED EVENTS**

In 2023 there were twelve small unplanned releases to sea, an downward trend from the previous year 2022 of thirteen, however, there were less permit non-compliances in 2023 recorded than the previous year, due to control and awareness of our permitted operational activities which is illustrating good environmental performance and improved operational efficiencies (Section 6.3) therefore demonstrating positive environmental performance.

### **6.6.1 Spills to Sea**

We reported twelve spills to sea from Spirit Energy assets in 2023 that were mostly small volumes of isolated chemicals, such as hydraulic fluid. All unplanned releases were isolated events with none reported as ongoing.

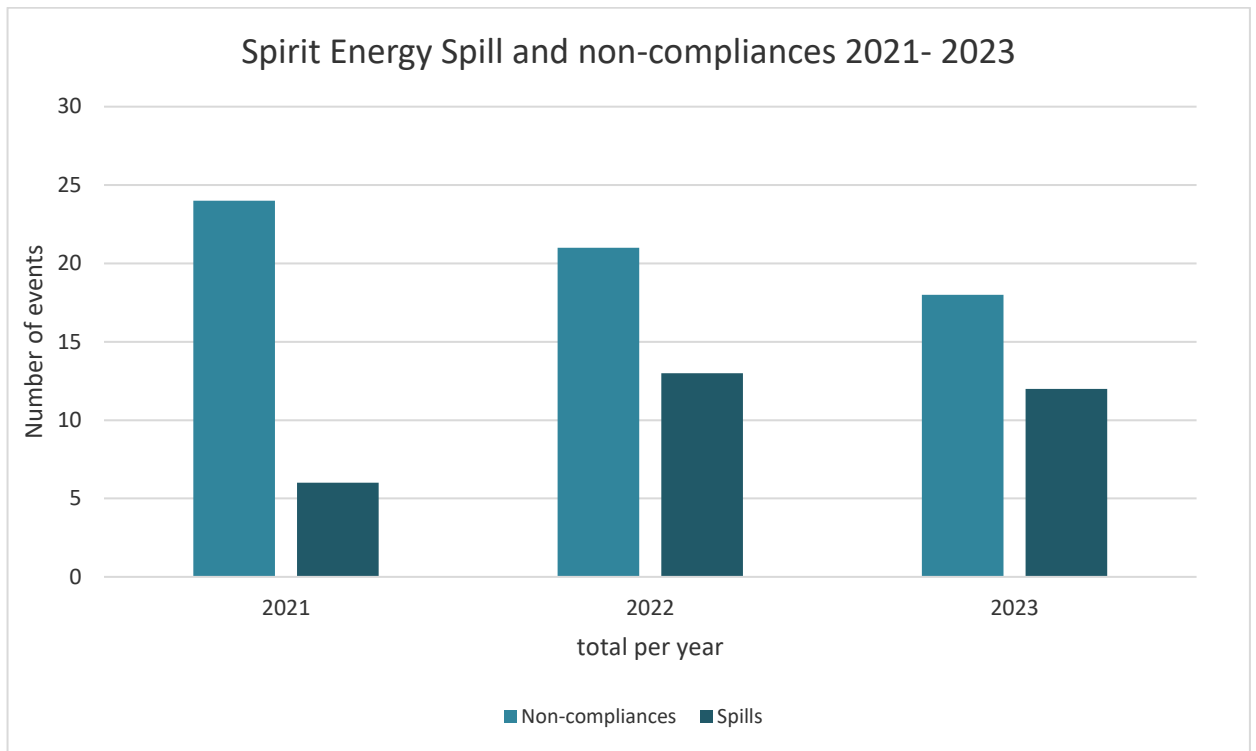
#### **Other Regulatory Non-Compliances**

The decrease in non-compliances recorded in 2023 continues to demonstrate our focus and control of our permitted activities. All events have been investigated and addressed at both an asset and cross asset basis to ensure learnings are captured for Spirit Energy.

The Barrow Gas Terminal operates under an Environmental permit which is regulated by the Environmental Agency (EA) and an annual performance report is submitted to the EA for the site.

Spills and non-compliances from Spirit Energy's operated offshore installations are shown in Figure 6-6.





**Figure 6-6 Unplanned events**

## 7.0 2022-2023 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND PERFORMANCE

Table 1 Improvement plans and progress

<i>Area</i>	<i>Initiatives</i>	<i>Progress</i>
<i>Risk management – environmental integrity</i>	<i>Continued cross-asset focus on the management of regulatory compliance.</i>	<i>Audit and assurance focus on spill prevention, chemical and oil management, and oil spill response. The focus for 2023 will be on emissions reductions, ERAP development, minimising waste and promoting resource efficiency.</i>
<i>Reporting and Performance</i>	<i>Common reporting system across the business and review all performance metrics.</i>	<i>The standalone online observations reporting tool is now embedded throughout the business. Ongoing planned enhancements to our internal reporting tool to streamline our internal reporting was successfully rolled out.</i>
<i>Awareness and training</i>	<i>Improvements in environmental awareness across North Sea and Morecambe assets.</i>	<i>Bespoke Computer Based Training (CBT) courses have been completed in 2023 and rolled out.</i>
<i>Carbon/energy management</i>	<i>Development of carbon savings and energy efficiency opportunities.</i>	<i>We continued reporting carbon intensity and GHG emissions of our major emitting installations in 2023. Energy efficiency and reduction opportunities identified our assets are being actively reported into our business planning cycle. This will include our ESOS Reporting obligation.</i>
<i>Waste management</i>	<i>Development of waste key performance indicator and opportunities for improvement.</i>	<i>We will be focusing on the waste to energy, landfill, and liquid treatment in 2023 and re-establishing an updated baseline to measure and monitor against to fit our assets striving for sustainability.</i>
<i>Maintenance of social license</i>	<i>Energy Transition (ET) and Net Zero</i>	<i>Development of a roadmap to support the 2050 net zero timeline is ongoing. Management and assurance of Production &amp; Emissions management standard. Spirit Energy's SECR (Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting) disclosure has been successfully completed for 2023. Surveillance audits for our environmental management system (ISO 14001:2015 standard) was successfully completed in 2023.</i>