Helena Charlton: Interim Director, Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning

Biography

Helena Charlton became Interim Director of the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning in June 2024 to cover parental leave for Tom Child.

Helena has held Senior Civil Service roles in energy policy across DESNZ and BEIS since 2017, spanning renewable electricity, upstream oil and gas, and nuclear resilience.

She joined the Cabinet Office as a graduate recruit in 1999.

Director, Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning

The Director is responsible for:

- Providing organisational strategic leadership
- The functioning of the OPRED Executive Board
- Representation of OPRED with key stakeholders
- Delivering continuous improvement and reform
- OPRED's people, policies, and finances

