



Offshore Petroleum Regulator  
for Environment & Decommissioning

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of our ongoing commitment to the management of impulsive noise activities within the Southern North Sea SAC (SNS SAC), OPRED alongside Other Government Departments and Regulators (namely The Marine Management Organisation (MMO)) are actively seeking the co-operation of any Oil and Gas/CCS/Gas Storage Operators who are or may be planning to undertake any impulsive noise activities (including geological surveys, explosive activity or piling) within (or within the vicinity) of the SNS SAC over the 2025 summer season (**1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**).

This is a request for operators to provide information of any impulsive noise activities proposed that may impact the SNS SAC, including the type of activity, the proposed geographical area that may be impacted, and temporal details. Suggested submission information can be found below.

There is an expectation that developers working within the SNS SAC during summer 2025 will be members of the 2025 Development Coordination Forum, set up to ensure coordination is occurring within the site for daily activities. For this reason, OPRED will require contact details (email) for representatives from projects to participate in the 2025 Forum.

*It is highly recommended that developers engage with the OPRED early to participate in this group.*

The data is being requested to ensure that the marine noise trackers utilised by the MMO and OPRED are accurate and reflective of the upcoming noise activity. This will allow regulators to accurately forecast underwater noise levels against the SNS SAC noise thresholds and prepare a management approach early.

Please submit information to the OPRED's Business Support Team:  
[OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk) alongside updating the relevant environmental manager (if allocated) by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

OPRED acknowledges that detailed information may not be currently available, but any information will be helpful. OPRED would also appreciate that when detailed information becomes available, the details are forwarded to the email address noted above as soon as possible.

Commercially sensitive information regarding surveys not yet confirmed will be dealt with appropriately - these details do not appear on the public SNS Activity Tracker.

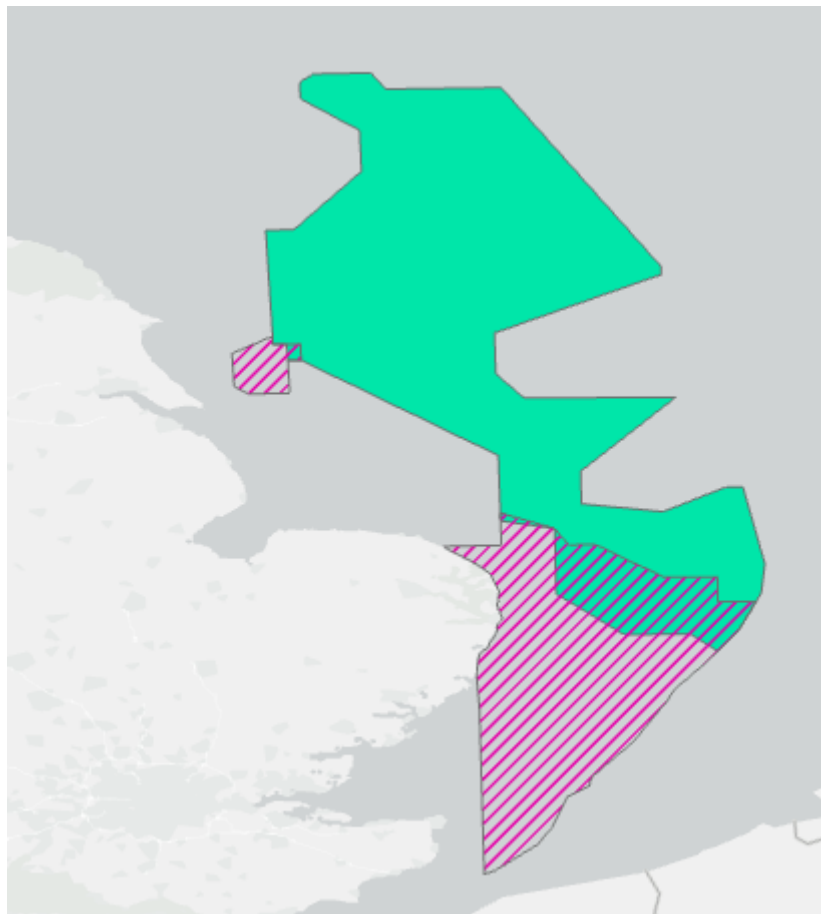
Applications already submitted to the Department need not be reported again by email as these will be added to the public SNS Activity Tracker as a matter of procedure.

Kind regards,

OPRED

## SNS SAC Noisy Activity Data Submission Information

Forecasting Data	
Case reference number (if known / allocated)	
Intended start date / month	
Intended end date / month	
Duration of activity impacting SNS SAC (days)	
Activity type (e.g. UXO/piling/geophysical surveys)	
Daily activity size within the SNS SAC (km <sup>2</sup> )	
Details of any planned mitigation/noise abatement	
Nominated contact email address(es) for Forum	



*The SNS SAC off the east coast of England. Summer area depicted in solid green; winter area depicted in hatched pink*