



Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning

Dear Operator

Production Operations (PRA) chemical permits – addition of 2022 chemical data

The Department would like to remind operators that a variation to all Production Operation Application (PRA) chemical permits must be submitted before the end of the year, to capture the addition of 2022 chemical data. In order to allow sufficient time for the consultation, review and determination process, and for approval to be granted by 1st January 2022, the Department recommends that all chemical permit variations, to add 2022 chemical data, are submitted by **2nd December 2021**. This advice assumes that there are changes to chemical types/quantities/dosages/modelling/justifications from the previous year.

If there are no changes to chemical use, discharge and associated modelling from the previous year i.e. 2022 chemical data is an exact copy of the 2021 data, then the variation to add the 2022 data can be submitted in the usual timeframe (approximately three working days before approval is required). The operator should confirm in the Change Summary that there is no change between 2021 and 2022 for chemical use, discharge and associated modelling.

The Department will not expedite the approval process for any variations submitted after the 2nd December 2020 and operators therefore risk enforcement action if they do not have chemicals approved for use and discharge during 2022 by the 1st January 2022.

Expired chemicals

In addition, the Department would also remind operators that it is their responsibility to ensure, when copying and pasting the chemical data from the previous year, that the OCNS registration of all chemical products has not expired. If the OCNS registration of a chemical product has expired then an operator must remove the chemical product from the 2022 data unless proof of recertification of existing stocks within your ownership can be provided.

Well Intervention (WIA) annual 2021 chemical permits

Operators are recommended to submit annual well intervention chemical permit applications by **2nd December 2021** if approval is required for the 1st January 2022. Submitting a permit application by the 2nd December 2021 will allow sufficient time for consultation, review and determination process of the 2022 annual WIA chemical permit to be completed. Operators are reminded that any comments raised during the review process should be addressed promptly if approval is required for the 1st January 2022.

If an annual WIA permit is not required to be valid from the 1st January then the permit can be applied for anytime during the calendar year. Operators are reminded that any new permit application submission should allow for a 28 day consultation process prior to the date operations are planned to commence.

Kind Regards,

Business Support Team