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Wendy Kennedy, OBE, is Executive Director of the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning in the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and is responsible for the environmental regulation of offshore energy developments, their decommissioning and associated financial guarantees.

Wendy and her teams lead on offshore environmental regulation for oil and gas activities on the UKCS. In particular her teams deal with:

- International and domestic offshore environmental policy;
- · Inspection of platforms and drilling rigs;
- Assessment of environmental impacts of oil and gas projects,
- Assessment of oil spill contingency plans including financial provision for remediation in the event of an accident/incident;
- Emergency response to offshore environmental incidents (24/7 on call provision);
- · Assessment of oil and gas platform and pipeline decommissioning plans;
- Consideration of legal obligations and financial security for decommissioning of offshore installations and pipelines; and Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) of UK continental shelf prior to licensing

