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Dear Operator,

PPC - EMISSIONS MONITORING PLAN

**The Offshore Combustion Installations (Pollution Prevention and Control)
Regulations 2013 (As Amended) ('PPC')**

I write to advise you the Department has made available the emissions monitoring plan template for the purpose of facilitating compliance with your PPC permit. The template can be downloaded from our website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/oil-and-gas-offshore-environmental-legislation#offshore-combustion-installations-pollution-prevention-and-control-regulations-2013-as-amended> .

What is the relevance of the monitoring plan template?

Periodic monitoring for compliance with permit conditions is required to satisfy the PPC regulatory requirement for monitoring of all large combustion plant (LCP) (i.e. ≥50 Megawatt thermal input), including open cycle gas turbines, and must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Large Combustion Plant Best Available Techniques Conclusions (LCP BREF) Monitoring of LCP. Periodic monitoring is also required for all new Medium Combustion Plant (MCP) as defined in the PPC regulations.

The monitoring plan template is provided for operators to manage compliance monitoring under their PPC permit for the respective LCP and MCP. The monitoring requirement for LCP is a condition in the PPC permit and is to be carried out annually, for which the monitoring plan template provides a compliant outline on how that may be undertaken.

The monitoring plan template should be used for each installation with LCP and MCP and includes guidance that will assist you in how to complete and submit the information to the Department.

How do I submit a monitoring plan?

- Monitoring plans must be submitted to the Department by applying to vary your PPC permit in the UK Energy Portal Environmental Tracking System (PETS).

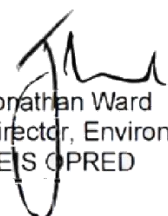
When must a monitoring plan be submitted?

- **The Department expects monitoring plans to be submitted by 30 September 2022.** For subsequent periodic monitoring, the plan should be revisited at least annually to ensure that the objectives remain current and appropriate for the installation. If a change is required, e.g. in process or combustion plant operating mode or extent of testing, that could affect compliance with permit conditions, the monitoring plan must be updated prior to undertaking the next periodic monitoring.

In addition to the above, as a condition of your permit, **the Department reminds permit holders of the requirement to undertake the annual emissions monitoring of qualifying LCPs, if you have not already done so, in 2022.** The Department expects to issue updated guidance relating to the PPC offshore emissions monitoring to industry in Quarter 3 of this year. This does not, however, prevent permit holders from planning and progressing monitoring required under the permits.

Should you have any queries about the content of this letter and need advice, please contact the Department using the details above.

Yours faithfully,



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