



Well Intervention Application (WIA) annual 2023 chemical permits (CP)

Should an Operator be seeking approval for an annual well intervention chemical permit by 1st January 2023 then Operators are recommended to submit the application as soon as possible and by **30th November 2022 at the latest**. Submitting a permit application by the 30th November 2022 should allow sufficient time for the consultation, review and determination process of the 2023 annual WIA chemical permit to be completed before 1st January 2023 on the basis of no comments being raised. Should any comments be raised during the review process, operators are reminded that these should be **addressed promptly** if a permit is **required** for the 1st January 2023.

If an annual WIA permit is **not required** to be valid from the **1st January 2023** 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.

Well Intervention annual chemical permits – PETS process

An annual WIA chemical permit application requires a new CP SAT to be submitted under a new WIA MAT. The WIA MAT that forms the basis of the 2022 chemical permit must not be used for the 2023 permit application.

Please ensure that each WIA permit application identifies which wells are included in the permit application, and which activities outlined in the permit application will be undertaken on what wells. This information must be in the Environmental Assessment Justification (EAJ), and where applicable in the Project Information in the MAT. The contents of the EAJ should be proportional to the proposed activities.

Production Operations (PRA) chemical permits – addition of 2023 chemical data

The Department would like to remind Operators that 2023 chemical use and discharge must be approved on all Production Operation (PRA) chemical permits before 1st January 2023. In order to allow sufficient time for the consultation, review and determination process, the Department recommends that all chemical permit variations to add 2023 chemical data are submitted as soon as possible and by **30th November 2022 at the latest**.

If there are no changes to chemical use, discharge and associated modelling from the previous year i.e. 2023 chemical data is an exact copy of the 2022 data, then the variation to add the 2023 data can be submitted in the usual timeframe (approximately three working days before approval is required). In such circumstances the Operator should confirm, in the Change Summary, that there is no change between 2022 and 2023 for chemical use, discharge and associated modelling. Operators are reminded to be mindful of the national holiday period when planning permit variations.

Please note that the Department will not expedite the approval process for any variations submitted after **the 30th November 2022** and operators therefore risk enforcement action if they do not have an approved chemical permit that includes the use and discharge of those chemicals in 2023 by the 1st January 2023.



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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 offshore 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 2023 data unless proof of recertification or proof of existing stocks within their ownership can be provided.

Please send any queries on any of the above to BST@beis.gov.uk.

Kind Regards,
Business Support Team

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