



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 are actively seeking the co-operation of any Oil and Gas Operators who are or may be planning to undertake any noisy activities (including geological surveys, explosive activity or piling) within this area over the upcoming summer season [April - September]. OPRED therefore cordially request operators to provide information of any geological survey or noisy activity proposed that may impact the SNS SAC, including the type of activity, and the proposed geographical and temporal details. Please submit information details to OPRED via the Business Support Team at bst@beis.gov.uk by 28th February 2023 in the first instance.

OPRED acknowledges that detailed information may not be currently available, but any information may be helpful. Operators should note that when information does become available in due course OPRED request that the details are forwarded to the email address provided. 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.

In addition, if there are proposals to undertake Sub bottom Profiling (SBP) type surveys either solely or in-combination with wider survey proposals it would be beneficial if you could indicate whether you would be interested in taking part in noise characteristic monitoring to inform our understanding of the potential noise impacts of SBP techniques.

Kind regards,
OPRED