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Oil Field Development
THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING AND STORAGE
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

Rosebank Field Development

Audra Operations Limited has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority ("the OGA") in relation to the above project. The OGA now operates under the business name of the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA). Notices were previously published under regulation 11(3)(a) and 12(5)(c) in respect of this application for consent and the accompanying Environmental Statement documents on 12 August 2022 and 16 October 2025. Further information is now available in respect of this project.

Summary of Project

The proposed Project is the development of Rosebank oil and gas field, including the drilling of the production and water injection wells, the installation and commissioning of the required subsea infrastructure and gas export pipeline, and the redeployment of an existing Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel (FPSO) for the extraction and processing of hydrocarbons from the Rosebank field. Operations Limited will operate the Rosebank development.

The Rosebank field is situated in the Faro-Shetland Channel on the north-west edge of the UK Continental Shelf (MCS). The location is approximately 130 km north-west of Shetland Islands (location P119), the field is referenced by UIC as 23276 (licence P119) and 23277a (licence P120), MCS as 23276 (licence P119) and MCS 23277a (licence P122). The licences for these blocks are held by Adara Operations Limited and Itasca SP E&P Limited.

The project is planned to be delivered in two phases, phase 1 comprises drilling 4 production and 3 water injection wells and, subject to earnings from initial wells, phase 2 will involve drilling up to a further 3 production and 2 water injection wells. The wells will be connected by new flowlines to a redeployed FPSO where the hydrocarbons will be processed. The gas will be exported via a new gas export pipeline to the shore.

Subsea facility installation commenced in summer 2024 with first drilling having commenced in Q1 2026. First oil is targeted in 2027. Field life is estimated to be approximately 25 years.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure. As indicated in the public notice of August 2022, regulation 13 applies to the project because the Secretary of State has considered that the project could have a significant effect on the environment of Norway and the Faroe Islands; however scope 3 emissions (as assessed in the Further Information) are considered to have a global effect.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ("the Secretary of State") prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State's decision on whether or not to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application for consent is:

- (a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;
- (b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- (c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that Adura Operations Limited must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measures to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and the OGA for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>, where information on the Secretary of State's decision to agree or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

Access to Further Information

Copies of this notice, the previous notice made under regulation 11(3)(c) and 12(5)(c) on 12 August 2022 and 16 October 2025, the summary of the project, the Environmental Statement, and the further information may be viewed and downloaded <https://adura.com/projects/rosebank/> and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>. Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

A copy of the Environmental Statement, summary of the project and the further information may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to:

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Rosebank Field Development
The Silver Fin Building
455 Union Street
Aberdeen
AB11 6DB

by email to communications@adura.com
or by telephone 01224 882000
by 17/08/2026

Public Consultation

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Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 17/08/2026. All representations should quote reference number ES/2022/001 and may be made by letter or email to:
Business Support Team
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
AB1 Building
Crimon Place
Aberdeen
AB10 1BJ

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Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems; one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office (Northern Ireland).