

OFFSHORE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND PIPELINES (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)

Barnacle Field

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has been informed that Equinor UK Limited has submitted a letter of application to the Oil and Gas Authority in relation to the proposed Barnacle Field Development. The Barnacle Field lies in the Northern North Sea in the United Kingdom Continental Shelf, (UKCS) Blocks 211/29 and 211/30. The development is at:

Lat. 61° 12' 23.87" N

Long. 01° 49' 50.78" E

Barnacle will be developed with a single extended reach well drilled from an existing donor well on the Statfjord B platform on the Norwegian continental shelf (NCS) located approximately 2.5 km NE from the nearest international median line: UK/Norway. The distance to the nearest UK coastline in Shetland is 144km.

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, this letter of application is supported by an Environmental Statement, copies of which may be inspected between 10 am and 4 pm on business days at Equinor House, Prime Four Business Park, Kingswells, Aberdeen, AB15 8QG until 19th August 2019. Copies of the Environmental Statement may also be obtained from the address detailed above (subject to a discretionary charge of £2), or may be accessed via the internet at Equinor.com

Interested parties have until the date specified above to make representations in relation to the submission to the Secretary of State. All representations should quote the Department's reference number (D/4235/2019) and may be made by letter or e-mail to:

Environmental Management Team

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning

AB1 Building

Crimon Place

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Further information: Copies of representations may be made publicly available. Following receipt of all representations the Secretary of State will either agree to the grant or refusal of the consent (with or without conditions). Notice of the Secretary of State's decision will then be published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes, and on the GOV.UK website.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of the Secretary of State's decision to agree to the grant of consent, an approval as referred to in regulation 11 or the imposition of a relevant requirement in respect of the project as referred to in regulation 11, any person aggrieved by the decision may apply to the Court. The Court may grant an order quashing the grant of consent, the approval or the imposition of the requirement where it is satisfied the action was done in contravention of the requirement to consider the Environmental Statement, any other relevant information or any representations received from relevant authorities or other interested parties. The court may also grant such an order where the interests of the aggrieved person have been prejudiced by a failure to comply with any other requirement of the Regulations. Pending determination of the application by an aggrieved person, the court may by interim order, stay the operation of the consent, the approval or the requirement.