



Update on investigation into fatalities on Stena Clyde drilling rig, Bass Strait, August 2012

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) is continuing to investigate the accident which claimed the lives of two members of the workforce during drilling operations on the Stena Clyde mobile offshore drilling unit in the Bass Strait on 27 August 2012.

The ongoing independent investigation remains focused on gathering and analysing evidence both onshore and offshore. NOPSEMA occupational health and safety inspectors have a range of powers under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* which can be used to gather evidence and these are being utilised as part of this process.

The investigation has involved the review of a considerable amount of evidence in a methodical and systematic way. This has allowed NOPSEMA's investigators to gain a detailed understanding of the way the work was planned and executed in the lead up to the accident. The investigation has also included testing of equipment involved in the accident.

It is not appropriate to share more detail on the circumstances of the accident at this stage, as the investigation is still underway, however NOPSEMA remains committed to understanding how the accident occurred and sharing further information in due course. NOPSEMA continues to liaise with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to the investigation.

NOPSEMA's [preliminary considerations](#) regarding the accident, published in October 2012, remain valid.

