Offshore Petroleum Environmental Regulation

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• NOPSEMA’s role
• Environmental approval process
• Regulatory requirements for environment plans
• Consultation requirements
• Oil pollution preparedness
Independent statutory authority
Environmental approval process

For all activities (EP process with consultation) – majority of activities not currently subject to the EPBA Act approval expected to use this route

Proposed activity

Safety Case
Protecting the workforce

WOMP
Designing the well
The Environment Plan

• Must identify and evaluate all impacts and risks
• Must demonstrate impacts and risks are acceptable and reduced to as low as reasonably practicable
• Must include performance outcomes and standards
• Must demonstrate appropriate consultation
• Must include an Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
Consultation is fundamental to understanding the risks and potential impacts of a proposed offshore petroleum activity.

Titleholders must consult with those who may be affected by their activity.

Titleholders may also consult with a broader range of stakeholders to inform environmental management.

In the near future all environment plans for exploration activities will be published in full and open for public comment.
Oil Pollution Preparedness

- Assess case for preparedness
- Monitor and enforce compliance
- Regulatory oversight during response
More information
Questions?