

Well and Well Activity Levies

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a documented, systematic and consistent approach to the application of well and well activity levies.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the safety case as provided for in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003* and detailed in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004*.

3. Relevant legislation

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003 (Levies Act)

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 (OPGGs Act)

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004 (Levies Regulations)

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011 (RMA Regulations)

It should be noted that dependant on the location of a facility, state or Northern Territory legislation may apply which may or may not mirror the Commonwealth legislation. For simplicity, this policy only makes explicit reference to the Commonwealth legislation; however the policy will be applied to each jurisdiction, where powers have been conferred on NOPSEMA.

4. Levies

4.1. Annual well levy

For the purpose of regulation 50 of the Levies Regulations, NOPSEMA shall administer a levy notification to applicable titleholders in January each year noting the levy is payable on January 1 and due within 30 days.

4.2. Eligible wells

For the purpose of the Levies Act Part 4A, section 10A, NOPSEMA shall consider a well to be wholly or partly situated in a current title area based on:

- information contained in well activity notifications required by RMA sub regulations 5.22 (1) and (3) and 5.25 (1)
- information provided by titleholders (see section 3.2 below)

- information contained in the National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([NOPIMS](#)).

NOPSEMA shall consider a well to be abandoned either:

- when NOPSEMA has notified the titleholder in writing in accordance with sub regulation 5.17(c) of the Resources Management and Administration Regulations
- for wells where abandonment activities were conducted prior to the provision contained in regulation 5.17 of the Resources Management and Administration Regulations applying, based on the status listed in National Offshore Petroleum Information Management System ([NOPIMS](#)).

4.3. Number of eligible wells

For the purpose of regulation 50 of the Levies Regulations, NOPSEMA shall, in December of each year, request the following information from applicable titleholders:

- the name and current title of wells drilled in previous years but not abandoned
- the name, current title and abandonment date of wells drilled in a previous year and abandoned in the current year
- the name, current title, and spud date of wells drilled in the current year but not abandoned
- the name, current title, spud date and abandonment date of wells drilled and abandoned in the current year.

NOPSEMA shall review information provided by titleholders against information held by NOPSEMA and where applicable liaise with titleholder to reconcile any discrepancies identified.

4.4. Well activity levy

For the purpose of regulation 55 of the Levies Regulations, NOPSEMA shall administer a levy notification to the applicable titleholder as soon as practicable after receiving an application for acceptance of a well operations management plan noting the levy is payable on submission and due within 30 days.

5. Monitoring

Compliance with the guideline is to be assessed by the Chief Financial Officer on an annual basis.