

# Resource Management and Administration (RMA)

## Regulations 2025:

### What's changing?

Information Session January 2026



# New Resource Management and Administration Regulations

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# Why have the regulations been remade

- The previous RMA regulations, made in 2011, sunset on 1 April 2026
- The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) reviewed the RMA Regulations prior to them sunsetting
- The RMA Regulations 2025 ensure uninterrupted governance for offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas operations.

# About the RMA Regulations and key changes

- Improve, clarify and modernise annual titles assessment reports, field development plans and well operation management plans to facilitate monitoring and compliance
- Revise data management requirements to promote data transparency, align with best practice standards and be technology neutral
- Simplify the sample analysis reporting requirement to provide a final analysis report to the Titles Administrator, irrespective of where the analysis is conducted
- Clarify the requirement to submit daily geological reports to the Titles Administrator when undertaking drilling operations in a title area
- Streamline information requirements for initial and final well completion reports
- Revise and clarify the list of samples that titleholders must submit to address information gaps
- Clarify requirements for titleholders to submit interpretation reports and associated data non-exclusive data
- Change the release timeframes for non-exclusive seismic data from 15 years to 10 years
- Clarify the submission process and reduce the number of release timeframes for disclosable information
- Make it possible to share greenhouse gas injection and storage information with the Commonwealth agency administering laws to protect the environment

# What does this mean for NOPSEMA and its regulated community

- Most of the Changes are within Part 5
- Part 5 now explicitly applies to petroleum AND greenhouse gas wells
- WOMPs must be in force for the entire well life
- Definition of 'well' has broadened to include well-related equipment
- Modernised WOMP requirements
- Annual well integrity reporting introduced
- Changes to Incident reporting
- New revision trigger for WOMPs
- a graduated enforcement regime

# WOMPs

- Under the remake, well integrity obligations are stronger and more comprehensive
- The remade regulations now explicitly include periods when wells are suspended or otherwise not operational but not permanently abandoned
- To be accepted, the WOMP must demonstrate:
  - that risks to the integrity of each well are being reduced to an acceptable level
  - that the kinds of monitoring processes and control measures that will be implemented for each well are similar

## **Expect to document:**

- The concept of the well, and why the selected concept is safest for the context
- The design, construction, operation and management approach
- Competency assurance
- Suspension and permanent abandonment arrangements designed from day one

## **Revisions:**

Submission of a revised WOMP **as soon as practicable after receiving a direction** that conflicts with the WOMP

# Notifications and Reporting

- The definition of a reportable incident now includes damage to, or failure of, well equipment used to monitor and verify the integrity of the well.
- These incidents will now need to be reported to NOPSEMA as soon as practicable after you become aware of the incident
- In addition if a titleholder has given an initial report to NOPSEMA about a reportable incident and at the time, the incident had not been resolved, a titleholder must provide further written reports to NOPSEMA, for each 30 day period until the incident had been resolved
- The remade regulations also introduce an annual well integrity report—a report detailing performance against your WOMP to be submitted 14 days after the anniversary date that NOPSEMA accepted the WOMP under either the old or new regulations

# Annual Well Integrity Report

- The operational status of the well during the period;
- Summary of the well integrity tests conducted for the well during the period and the results of those tests;
- Summary of the well maintenance activities carried out in relation to the well during the period;
- If the well did not meet the performance standards in the plan at any time during the period—the date when the well ceased meeting those standards and either:
  - If the well resumed meeting those standards during the period—the date when the well resumed meeting those standards and a description of the control measures that have been implemented for the well; or
  - If the well did not resume meeting those standards during the period—an estimate of when the well will resume meeting those standards and a description of any temporary control measures that will be implemented for the well until those standards, or revised performance standards, are met.

# Transitional Arrangements

- If a **revision** of a WOMP (that was accepted under the old regulations) is submitted **before** 31 March 2026, it will continue to be assessed under the old regulations
- If a **revision** of a WOMP (that was accepted under the old regulations) is submitted **on or after** 31 March 2026, it will be assessed under the remade regulations
- If a **new** WOMP is submitted and NOPSEMA is unable to complete the assessment **before** the 31 March 2026, NOPSEMA must then assess the WOMP under the remade regulations
- WOMPs accepted under the old regulations will continue to remain in force
- Transitional rules also cover request for revisions, notices, and annual well integrity reports

# What is NOPSEMA doing and how can I stay informed?

- Updating our guidance material
- Engaging with stakeholders
- Providing sources of information and FAQ

## Dedicated NOPSEMA RMA Regulations page:

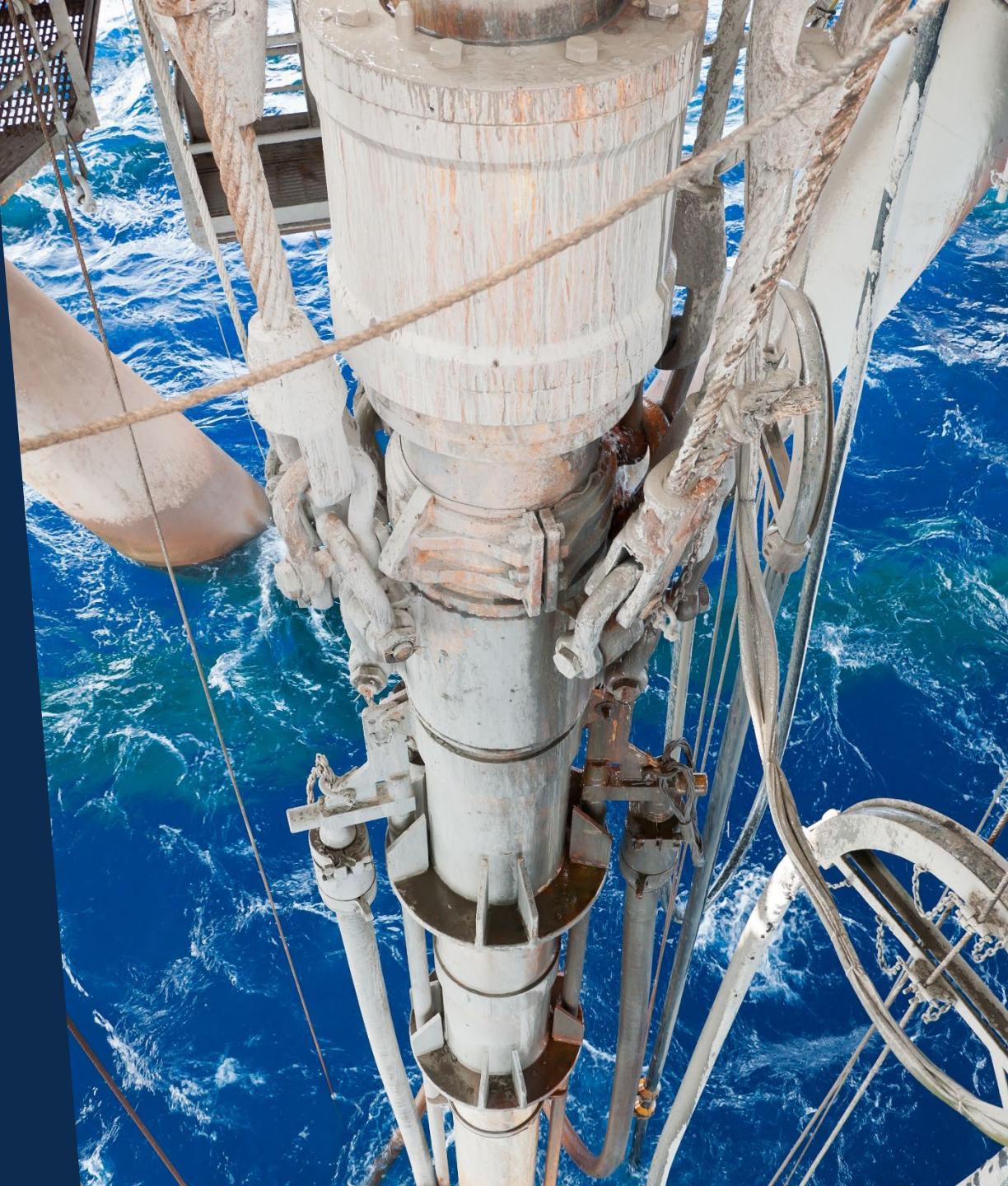
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## Next Information sessions

- 10 February 2026 - Guidance on Part 5 changes
- 25 February 2026 - Further clarifications and FAQ

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Questions?





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