

## OHS Improvement Notice

*Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, Schedule 3 clauses 78, 78A and 78B*

**Notice No:** 2098

**Date:** 6/05/2026

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To: Beach Energy (Operations) Limited (ACN:007 845 338)

In conducting an OHS inspection in relation to the Thylacine-A Platform facility, I [REDACTED], a NOPSEMA inspector appointed under section 602 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (the Act), am satisfied on reasonable grounds that

Beach Energy (Operations) Limited is contravening a provision of a listed OHS law

AND

As a result, there is, or may be, a risk to the health or safety of a person at the Thylacine-A Platform facility.

The relevant listed OHS law that is being contravened is Schedule 3, Clause 9(2)(e) of the Act.

The reasons for my opinion are:

The Thylacine-A Platform Safety Case TAS 9100 SAF PLN Revision 8A dated 29 July 2022, currently in force and accepted by NOPSEMA on 12 September 2022, states in Section 12.11.6.1 that totally enclosed motor propelled survival craft (TEMPSC) sea trials and deluge testing are conducted annually in accordance with a Critical Operating Procedure to maintain crew competency and to confirm that the lifeboat is serviceable and compliant with the Safety Case.

Inspection findings and maintenance records reviewed during Inspection 5245 showed that the sea trial activities have not been conducted since 11 March 2019. In the absence of these required sea trials, Beach Energy (Operations) Limited has not demonstrated that the TEMPSC is being maintained so that it remains fit for its intended emergency evacuation purpose, consistent with the duty in Schedule 3, Clause 9(2)(e) of the Act.

Since March 2019, the operational readiness of the TEMPSC has been managed through interim inspection and maintenance activities; however, these activities have not included the sea trials required by the accepted Safety Case. Inspection records reviewed during Inspection 5245 included entries indicating completion of TEMPSC sea-trial-related checks, despite Safety Case-required sea trials not having been conducted.

Accordingly, the TEMPSC has not been subjected to the Safety Case-required sea trials intended to verify its operational readiness in accordance with the accepted Safety Case.


As a result of this contravention, I am satisfied that there is, or may be, the following risk to the health or safety of any person:

An evacuation failure, resulting in serious injury or multiple fatalities due to the inability to demonstrate TEMPSC's readiness to perform its emergency evacuation function during a platform abandonment event.

I am satisfied on reasonable grounds that the following action(s) must be taken by the responsible person to reduce or prevent the risk:

1. Conduct sea trials of the installed TEMPSC in accordance with the accepted Safety Case.
2. Address deficiencies identified in consecutive three-monthly and annual TEMPSC maintenance inspections by completing and closing out all safety-critical maintenance tasks in accordance with the accepted Safety Case and maintenance management system.
3. Develop and implement measures to strengthen maintenance execution, and supervisory oversight of TEMPSC maintenance activities to ensure maintenance tasks are carried out in accordance with documented requirements. Oversight arrangements are to ensure safety-critical tasks are appropriately planned, monitored, verified, and closed out, and to prevent recurrence of previously identified deficiencies.
4. Consult with members of the workforce to understand actual maintenance practices compared to documented requirements. Review and revise all maintenance routines and performance standards associated with the facility TEMPSC to ensure alignment with the accepted Safety Case, recognised industry good practice, and NOPSEMA guidance – Assurance of TEMPSC and Associated Systems.
5. Review TEMPSC inspection, testing, and assurance records to confirm that recorded outcomes accurately reflect the actions undertaken. Implement controls to ensure future records, including those relating to sea trials and functional testing, are accurate and do not overstate the extent of operational verification.
6. Until Safety Case-required sea trials have been completed to confirm that the TEMPSC/lifeboat can perform its intended life-saving function during an emergency, implement additional interim control measures to ensure the risk of evacuating the facility in the event of an emergency is ALARP.

You are required to take action to reduce or prevent the risk within **[300]** days from the date of this notice.

  
**NOPSEMA INSPECTOR**  
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When the required action(s) has been completed, the Responsible Person is to submit this part of the notice to the following person via:

Post: Level 10, 58 Mounts Bay Road  
Perth WA 6000

Email: [submissions@nopsema.gov.au](mailto:submissions@nopsema.gov.au)

Name: [REDACTED]  
Position: **NOPSEMA INSPECTOR**  
Contact number: [REDACTED]

By signing below, I confirm on behalf of Beach Energy (Operations) Limited that the specified action described in Improvement Notice No. 2098 has been undertaken within the period specified.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(to be signed by responsible person only when the notice has been complied with)

## Notes

1. Under clause 78A of Schedule 3 to the Act, a responsible person who fails to ensure that this notice is complied with, to the extent that it relates to any matter over which the responsible person has control:
  - a. commits an offence and may be liable to a penalty of 300 penalty units for the offence; or
  - b. contravenes a civil penalty provision and may be liable to a civil penalty of 400 penalty units.
2. For every day proceeding the initial offence or contravention the notice is not complied with, the responsible person commits an offence or contravention in respect of each day (including a day of a conviction under this clause or any later day) during which the offence or contravention continues.
3. A copy of this notice must be displayed in a prominent place at or near each workplace which work affected by the notice is being performed. It is an offence to tamper with or remove it until the notice has ceased to have effect.
4. The recipient of this notice must ensure that all relevant requirements for giving copies of the notice to certain persons and representatives are complied with in accordance with cl 78b to Schedule 3 to the Act.
5. Under clause 80A of Schedule 3 to the Act, any of the following persons may request the reviewing authority in writing to review the NOPSEMA inspector's decision:
  - the operator of the facility;
  - the titleholder, if the notice is issued to a titleholder;
  - any person to whom an improvement notice has been issued;
  - an employer, if affected by the decision;
  - a relevant health and safety representative; a relevant workforce representative, if requested by a member of the workforce affected by the decision;
  - a person who owns any workplace plant, substance or thing to which the NOPSEMA inspector's decision relates.