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# Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations 2024

June 2025 Information Session

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## New work, health and safety regulations



The revised safety regulations and the amendments to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 are now in effect.

- A review of Australia's offshore safety regime, conducted by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR), identified improvements that could help strengthen and enhance offshore worker safety outcomes

- [Offshore oil and gas safety review | Department of Industry Science and Resources](#)

- Changes are wide ranging including improvements within broad themes:

- Strengthening the role of HRSs
  - Workforce health and wellbeing
  - Sexual harassment and psychosocial health
  - Modernising regulation of diving
  - Mandatory Design Notification Scheme
  - Vessel Activity Notification Scheme

- Administration of safety cases
  - Operators and titleholders (proposed operator)
  - Contact information
  - Compliance and enforcement
  - Remedial directions
  - Miscellaneous improvements

## Now What?

### Implementation of the regulatory changes

- Role of NOPSEMA
  - NOPSEMA Compliance Strategy
  - Education and promotion
  - Assessment, Compliance Monitoring, Enforcement
- Role of regulated community
  - “the responsibility for identifying, mitigating and minimising risk (resides with) those wishing to undertake the offshore energy activities – the ones who are creating the risks”
  - Achieve and maintain compliance with the regulatory regime

## Previous Information sessions:

- 18 March 2025: Safety Cases, Safety Critical Systems, HSRs
  - Clarification of technical and other control measures
  - Safety Case revisions
  - Notifications of Dangerous occurrences
  - Prevention and reporting of sexual harassment, bullying and harassment
  - Strengthened role of HSRs (training, safety management related documents, HSR registers)
- 15 April 2025: DNS, VANS
  - Early engagement with NOPSEMA during the design phase of a project
  - Set regulatory boundaries within which to assess design concepts and demonstrate that the proposed design for a facility reduces safety risks to ALARP
  - Duty to notify when a vessel becomes a facility or AOP and when a vessel ceases to be a facility or AOP
- 20 May 2025: Notifications and Reporting
  - Changed reporting requirements (sexual harassment, bullying, harassment)
  - New Monthly Operational Activities Report (replaces previous form Deaths of Injuries monthly summary)
  - Revised 3 and 30 day report (combines safety, environment and well integrity)

## Further key messages:

- Safety Case Content
- All safety cases (new and revisions) under NOPSEMA assessment on and after 12 June 2025 will be assessed against the safety case content requirements in the 2024 Regulations
- Online guidance has been updated to capture the requirements in the 2024 Regulations



## More communication to come



- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations 2024 | NOPSEMA
  - Links to the new regulations and the amended Act
  - Access the previous information sessions
  - Lists the documents circulated for feedback – NOPSEMA's feedback response will be made available in the coming weeks
  - FAQs
  - Links to modified documents
- Safety | NOPSEMA and Document Hub | NOPSEMA
  - Navigate to topic related information
  - Primary location for updates
- Direct engagement
  - Speak with focal points
  - Email [communications@nopsema.gov.au](mailto:communications@nopsema.gov.au)

Any questions?



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