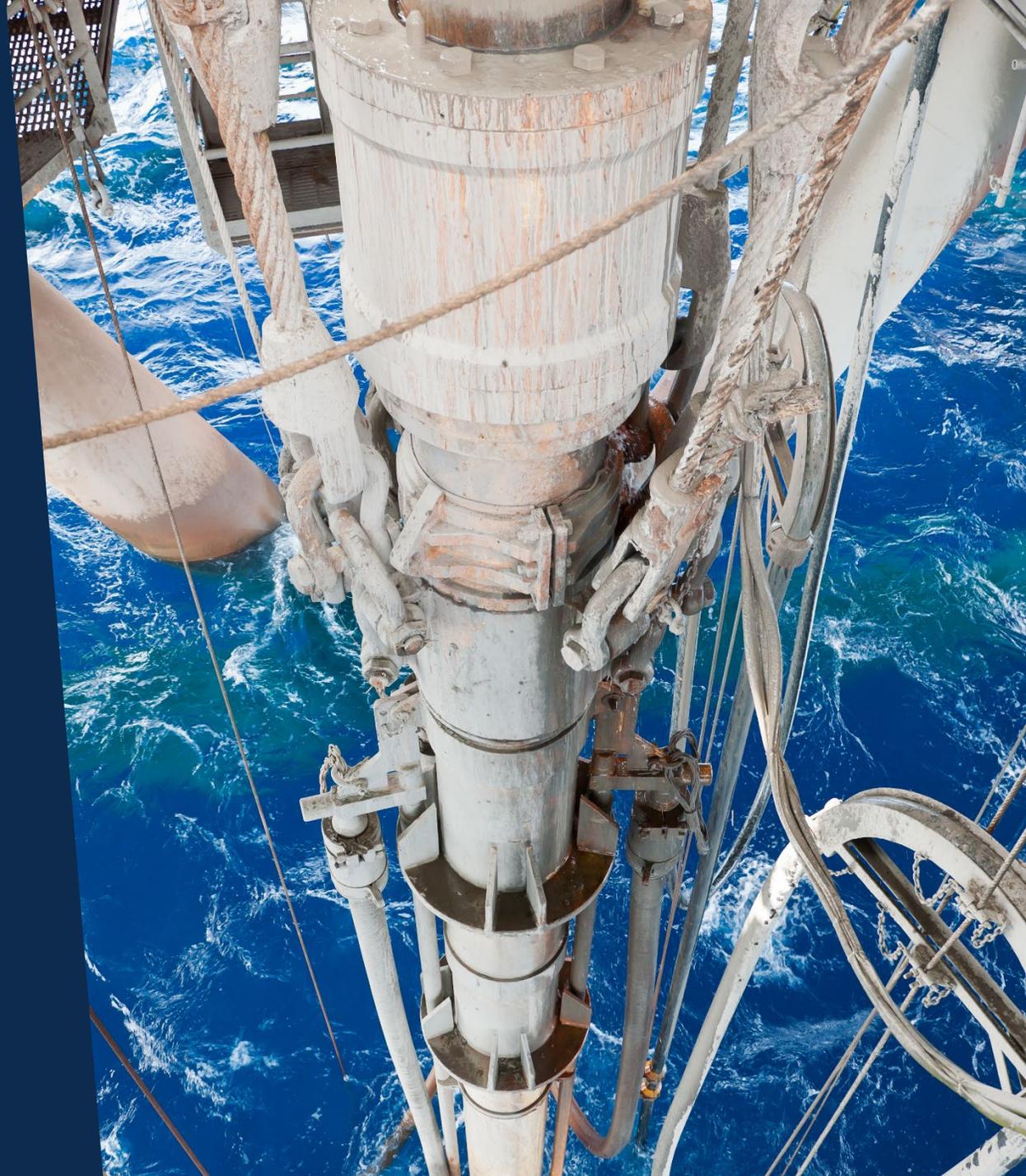




Resource Management and Administration (RMA) Regulations 2025: Further Clarifications and FAQ

Information Session March 2026



New Resource Management and Administration Regulations Information Session Series

January 28

- General overview of RMA Regulation changes
 - Why the regulations have been remade
 - What the key changes are
 - What NOPSEMA is doing and how can you be engaged

February 10

- Guidance on Part 5 changes
 - WOMP requirements
 - Incident Reporting
 - Annual Well Integrity Reporting

March 4

- Further Clarifications and FAQ
 - Getting ready for March 31

Overview

Current consultation available

- WOMP Content and Level of Detail guidance note
- Annual Well Integrity Report template

Feedback to date

Further engagement and guidance

Areas to be covered today

- Concept Select
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Annual Well Integrity Reports

Concept Select

82(4)(b) - a description and explanation of the concepts considered in relation to the well...

From the Explanatory Statement:

- This requirement has been introduced to clarify that a WOMP must include a description and explanation of the concepts considered in relation to the well, and how they impact the risk management associated with the well. ‘Concept’ used in this context is intended to mean an explanatory overview of the various well types and construction methodology considered.
- The purpose of the change is to formalise ‘safer by design principles’ into well design, operations and management.

Eliminating hazards or minimizing risks as early in the life cycle as possible
- Prior to the RMA Regulations 2025, these principles were promoted through policy and guidance. Prescribing the concept of the well activities as content requirement of a WOMP in the regulations reinforces the need for a comparative assessment of the risks to well integrity that are associated with different concepts
- The expectation is evidence of structured, defensible early decision making that considers lifecycle well integrity risk and avoids post-hoc ALARP justification.

Roles and Responsibilities

82(7)(b) a description of the measures that will be used to ensure that employees, contractors and service providers carrying out well activities:

- (i) are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the maintenance of the integrity of the well; and*
- (ii) have appropriate competencies and training.*

- The reference to “personnel who plan, approve or execute well work at any stage of a well’s lifecycle” is intended to capture those individuals whose decisions or actions materially influence well integrity risk, including concept, design, construction, operation, intervention and abandonment activities. It is not intended to extend to all personnel of the titleholder irrespective of their connection to well integrity.
- Competency assurance is defined as the formal systems, tools and processes which ensure that personnel are competent to complete assigned tasks to an accepted standard (NOPSEMA Document N-06300-IP1038 Human Factors: Competency Assurance).
- The Titleholder may choose to verify contractor competency through a structured, risk-based audit sampling approach. The approach should provide reasonable assurance that contractor personnel performing integrity-critical functions are competent.

Annual Well Integrity Reports

- New reporting requirement that is required on the anniversary of acceptance of the WOMP defined in 87
- Under 258 this report requirement applies to WOMPs that are already In-Force and will commence from 1 April 2026
 - The report must be submitted 14 days after the anniversary date that NOPSEMA accepted the WOMP
 - If you have an accepted WOMP and the anniversary falls on or after the 31 March 2026, your first report will be due 14 days after this anniversary date and is reporting on the year past
- NOPSEMA has published a draft Annual Well Integrity Report template for public consultation
 - NOPSEMA is developing more consistency across all reporting
 - Revised templates and forms are preparing stakeholders for integration into CORE
 - Strongly encouraging stakeholders to adopt NOPSEMA templates and forms to assist with future streamlining

Transitional Arrangements - Reminder

- 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

What is NOPSEMA doing and how can I stay informed?

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

Dedicated NOPSEMA RMA Regulations page:

[Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage \(Resource Management and Administration\) Regulations | NOPSEMA](#)

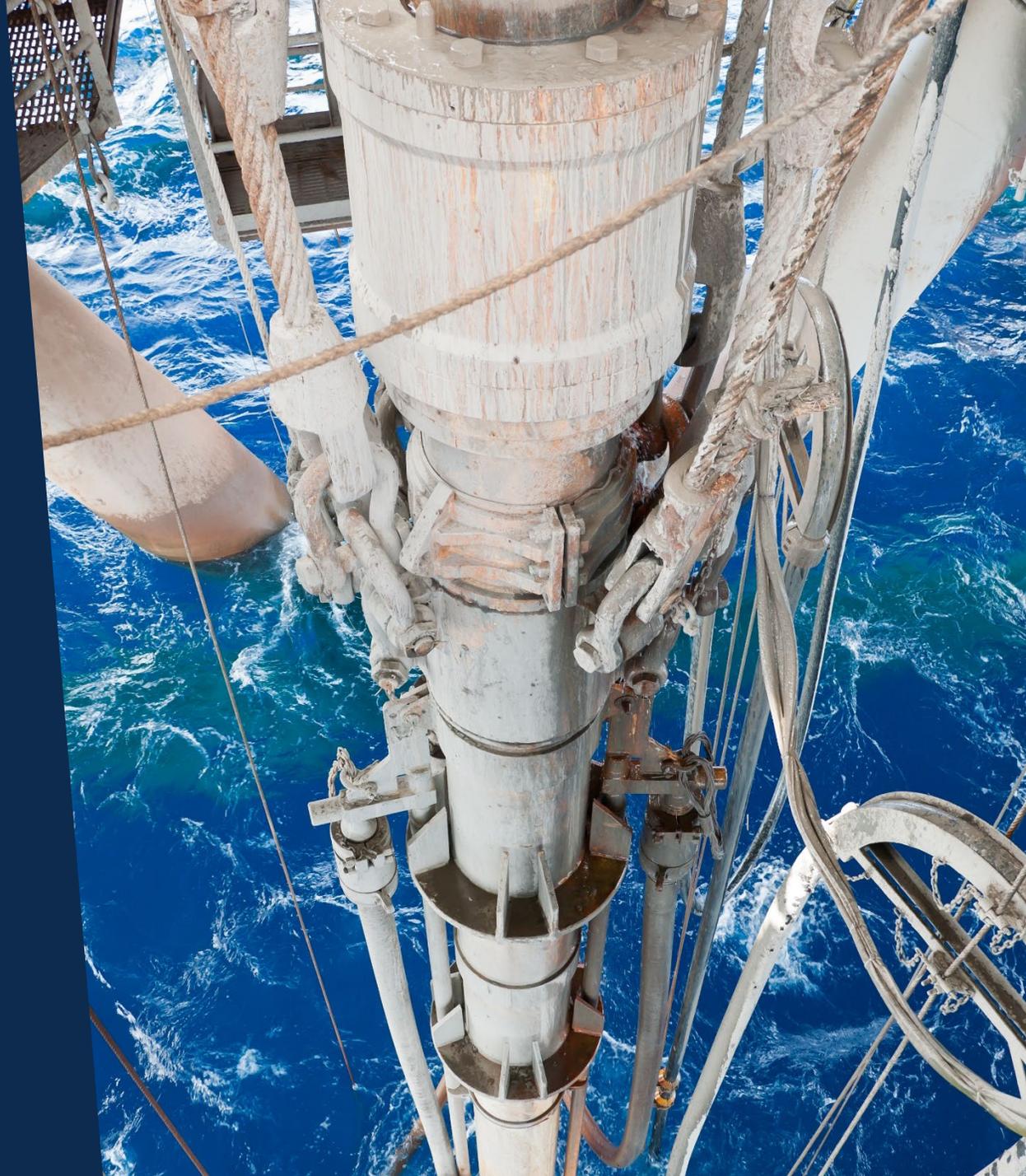
Next Information sessions

- No further sessions planned

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Questions?





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