

OFFSHORE MAJOR ACCIDENT REGULATOR



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This document outlines the working arrangements between HSE (ED) and the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning (OPRED) (OPRED) in relation to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Disclosure of Information is not exclusive to the Offshore Major Accident Regulator partnership activities. All areas of mutual interest will be handled via this process.

Further information on HSE and OPRED FOI and EIR policy can be found on the following weblinks:-

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/offshore-petroleum-regulator-for-environment-and-decommissioning>
- <http://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/index.htm>

The FOI Act and EIR came into force in UK law on 1 January 2005. The aim of FOI and EIR is to make public authorities more open and accountable. The legislation provides a general right of access to information, subject to exemptions, exceptions and qualifications. HSE (ED) and OPRED have an obligation to respond to requests for access to information under this legislation and are legally obliged to respond within strict and prescribed deadlines.

HSE (ED) and OPRED) Working Arrangements

Where disclosure of information may impact on the other organisation, HSE (ED)/OPRED will share information to ensure an appropriate and aligned approach recognising that HSE (ED) and OPRED will have to comply with FOI and EIR legal obligation to disclose information. This means:-

- making each other aware of any request for information of common interest;
- making each other aware of any significant disclosure of information to the public;
- meetings to share issues, experiences and good practice;
- requests by either organisation for the exchange of information with the other to be met under normal business, subject to any statutory provisions; and
- co-operation and assistance where appropriate.

Methods of Communication

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- HSE (ED) will contact OPRED via BST@beis.gov.uk on receipt of any information request of common interest; OPRED will contact HSE via OPREDliaison@hse.gsi.gov.uk on receipt of any new information request of common interest;
- HSE (ED)/OPRED will keep each other advised on progress and response dates for information requests;
- HSE (ED) and OPRED will consider the need to convene a meeting to review the working arrangements, and to share experiences annually., to discuss