

Activity Exemption Well Operation Management Plan PR r66AAE

Approved Form - Petroleum Regulations 2020

This is the approved form for the purposes of regulation 66AAE of the [Petroleum Regulations 2020](#)¹ (Regulations).

Use this form to apply to the Minister for Mining and Energy (minister) for approval to carry out an activity that is either not covered by, or is inconsistent with, an approved well operations management plan (WOMP).

You can only apply for an activity exemption if the activity is expected to be a one-off occurrence, or it is the first time the activity has been identified or considered; and it is not feasible or warranted to require a review of the relevant WOMP to incorporate or address the activity before it is undertaken.

This form should be lodged as soon as possible, but at least 21 days, before intended commencement of the proposed activity. This form should not be lodged retrospectively. The proposed activity cannot commence until an exemption is granted.

Section 61E of the Act establishes offences for conducting activities that are either not covered by a WOMP or are inconsistent with an approved WOMP.

Any application to carry out a well activity that is not covered in a relevant WOMP must still demonstrate compliance with Code of Practice for Well Integrity and, where applicable the Well Operation Management Plan Content Guideline. See the important information at **Attachment A**.

| Petroleum interest | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|----------|
| Petroleum interest reference number (EP, RL, L, OL) | | Expiry date | |
| Interest holder /operator (for more than 1 applicant, attach a separate sheet showing full details) | | | |
| Company/individual name | | | |
| ACN / ABN / ARBN | | Interest held | % |
| Business address | | | |
| Postal address | | | |
| Contact person | | | |
| Telephone | | Email | |

¹ <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/Legislation/PETROLEUM-REGULATIONS-2020>

| Person in charge of activity (may be a contractor carrying out the activity on behalf of the interest holder) | | | |
|---|--|-------|--------------------------|
| Contact person | | | |
| Role | | | |
| Company name | | | |
| ACN / ABN / ARBN | | | |
| Telephone | | Email | |
| Activity details | | | |
| Proposed activity | E.g. Installation of a casing patch in production casing | | |
| Proposed start date ² | DD-MM-YYYY | | |
| Reason(s) for undertaking activity | E.g. Unexpected damage to the casing | | |
| Intended outcome from carrying out activity | E.g. Casing will retain full function as a primary barrier | | |
| Subject well(s) and WOMP | | | |
| Well name | E.g. Vexon 1H (V1H) | | |
| WOMP ID | Unique identifier for WOMP | | |
| WOMP Revision | Revision number and date approved (DD-MM-YYYY) | | |
| WOMP approval date | DD-MM-YYYY | | |
| Reason the activity requires exemption (select as applicable) | | | |
| Inconsistent with approved WOMP | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not covered by approved WOMP | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason that WOMP review is not practical or necessary (select all applicable) | | | |
| The activity has not been identified or considered before | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The activity is expected to be a one-off occurrence | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It is not feasible to review the relevant WOMP before activity must be undertaken | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It is not warranted to review the relevant WOMP | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

² Regulation 66AAF(3) establishes that the minister has 21 days to make a decision on an application.

Proposed work program and documents

| Proposed work program and timetable (add rows as required) | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| Key tasks | Objective | Expected activity period (chronological order) | Equipment and resources | |
| E.g. Rigging up coiled tubing unit | E.g. Re-establish the primary barrier of the well | DD-MM-YYYY (Anticipated commencement date) - DD-MM-YYYY | E.g. coiled tubing unit, cement unit | |
| E.g. Setting a composite plug | E.g. Enable conditions in the well that will allow a patch to be set | DD-MM-YYYY - DD-MM-YYYY | E.g. casing patch, composite plug, sealant | |
| E.g. Placing and activating sealant | E.g. Applying the patch | DD-MM-YYYY - DD-MM-YYYY | E.g. cement unit, sealant | |
| E.g. Pressure testing casing | E.g. Testing the patch | DD-MM-YYYY - DD-MM-YYYY (Scheduled completion date) | E.g. cement unit | |
| Documents required for the management, control or operation of the activity(s) (add rows for additional documents as required) | | | | |
| Document type | Document Title | Document No. | Revision No. | Attached |
| Management of change (required) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Risk assessment register (required) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E.g. Well barrier diagrams | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E.g. Data sheets and safety data sheets | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Declaration

| Declaration | | | |
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| I declare that the information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing misleading information, or making false representations are offences as per section 107 and section 108 of the <i>Petroleum Act 1984</i> . | | | |
| Signature | | Date | |
| Name | | | |
| Position held/title | | | |

Fees

An application fee of 985 revenue units³ is payable when submitting a request for an activity exemption from an approved plan. Refer to the petroleum operations fees on the [NT Government website](#)⁴. An invoice will be raised on acceptance of the application. Invoices are payable by BPAY, credit card (online and phone), direct credit and in person at the Department of Corporate and Digital Development.

How to submit

Submit this form and attachments via email or post to:

petroleum.operations@nt.gov.au

Department of Mining and Energy
GPO Box 4550
Darwin NT 0801

Privacy statement

The Department of Mining and Energy complies with the [Information Privacy Principles](#)⁵ scheduled by the *Information Act 2002*.

Further information

Contact Petroleum Operations, DME on 08 8999 6521 or via email petroleum.operations@nt.gov.au.

³ Revenue units are determined each financial year by the [Territory Revenue Office](#).

⁴ <https://nt.gov.au/industry/energy/petroleum-operations/fees-and-levies>

⁵ <https://infocomm.nt.gov.au/privacy/information-privacy-principles>

Attachment A

Requirements for Ministerial approval

The Minister can only approve an application for exemption where all the following are met:

- The management of change (MoC) process outlined in the relevant WOMP has been followed
- Any risk associated with the activity has been eliminated or reduced to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) and any remaining risk is acceptable
- The activity is expected to be a one-off occurrence, or it is the first time the activity has been identified or considered, and
- It is not feasible or warranted to require a review of the relevant WOMP to incorporate or address the activity before it is undertaken.

Code of Practice: Well Integrity

Applications for exemption shall consider and address all relevant sections of the Code of Practice: Well Integrity. This Code is applicable to all petroleum operations and well types, including exploration, appraisal, development, monitoring, injection and production wells in conventional and unconventional resources.

An interest holder may submit an application for exemption that proposes a method of achieving compliance with the Act and Regulations that is inconsistent with the contents of the Code of Practice for Well Integrity. In such circumstances, the application shall highlight the inconsistency and comprehensively demonstrate how the proposal's risks are ALARP and acceptable. The approval of any is at the Minister or their delegate's discretion.

Requirements to amend the relevant WOMP

Where the minister determines the proposed exemption cannot be approved, a revision to the relevant WOMP may be required before the proposed activity can commence. The minister may issue a direction in accordance with section 71 of the Act to revise a plan to accommodate the proposed activities whether or not they are approved through the exemption process.

Internal document control

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