



VARIATION TO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL

Apache Energy Limited – Van Gogh Petroleum Field Development, North-West Shelf (EPBC 2007/3213)

This decision to vary a condition of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

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| Person to whom the approval is granted | Apache Energy Limited |
| Proposed action | To develop the Van Gogh petroleum field (WA-155-P(1)) for oil production, and associated infrastructure, offshore from Exmouth, Western Australia |

Variation

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| Variation of conditions of approval | <p>The variation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add conditions 9 to 13 to approval dated 20 August 2008 as specified below; <p>9. Within 3 months of the date of this notice, the person taking the action must arrange for a field test to be conducted to verify that the requirements of condition 2(b) (i.e. the capacity to deploy oil spill response equipment within 12 hours of a spill occurring) can be fulfilled. The test results must be provided to the department within 14 days of the test being conducted.</p> <p>10. Within 3 months of the date of this notice, the person taking the action must conduct an assessment to identify the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) any nonessential lighting on board the Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Vessel (FPSO);b) measures to minimise nonessential lighting on board the FPSO. <p>The person taking the action must implement the measures identified in condition 10 b).</p> <p>11. Within 3 months of the date of this notice, the person taking the action must ensure that all staff on board the FPSO have undertaken the environmental induction training referred to in the Van Gogh Operations Environment Plan (Document no. TV-00-RI-004 Revision 1).</p> <p>12. The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by the approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the</p> |
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Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.

13. Within 6 months of the date of this notice, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with conditions 9, 10, 11 and 12 is conducted. The independent auditor and the audit criteria must be approved by the minister at least 1 month before the audit and the audit report addressing the criteria must be submitted to the Minister within 2 months of the audit taking place. The audit report must be approved by the Minister

Date of effect

This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed

Person authorised to make decision

Name and position

Shane Gaddes
A/g Assistant Secretary
Compliance and Enforcement Branch

Signature

S. Gaddes

Date of decision

3 May 2012
