



Offshore Consenting Today and Tomorrow – The need for effective guidance

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Lessons learnt

- Processes need to be clear
 - Process mapped
 - Lead contact identified
 - Feedback at defined points
 - Clear guidance
- Monitoring data needs to be managed
 - Clear feedback – sign off identified
 - Data published
 - Strategic review
 - Clear guidance
- Licensing decisions need to be evidence backed
 - Information requirements identified
 - Rationale for licence conditions
 - Clear guidance
- Industry understanding
 - Decisions need to be considered within a reasonable time
 - Who is responsible for decision making
 - Clear guidance



(EIA) Guidance

Aims:

1. Processes and roles clearly identified

- General process clarity
- Clarity of roles and responsibilities for organisations and external stakeholders – pre, during and post application
- Incorporates changes - IPC and MMO

3. Consistent

- Survey techniques
- Mitigation methods
- Strategic level issues (e.g. Cumulative impact assessment, incorporating lessons from FEPA monitoring)

3. Reasoned

- Understanding developer constraints
- Explains rationale



Questions/Comments?

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