

PUBLICATION CONSULTATION NOTICE

Oil / Gas Field Development / Gas Storage Project / Carbon Storage Project / Drilling Project

THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

Kyla Development

Serica Energy Chinook Limited has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”) in relation to the above project. The OGA now operates under the business name of the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA).

Summary of Project

The proposed Project is the development of the Kyla Field by drilling a single horizontal well located in the Central North Sea (UKCS Block 29/2c) which is 196 kilometres from Peterhead on the Scottish coastline, at 56° 53' 01.13"N, 01° 13' 50.70"E.

Kyla production fluids will be exported via a new 12 to 13.2 km long 8-inch production carbon steel pipeline to either the Bittern Drill Centre ‘A’ (DCA - base case) or Bittern Drill Centre ‘B’ (DCB) manifolds located in UKCS Block 29/1. From Bittern, Kyla production will be co-mingled with Bittern production and routed via the existing Bittern pipelines to the Triton Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) located in UKCS Block 21/30. The production fluids will then be exported as part of the Triton FPSO blend via shuttle tanker and sales gas routed to the St Fergus terminal, located near Peterhead on the North East coast of Scotland, via the Fulmar gas pipeline.

Production fluids from Kyla will require artificial lift i.e. gas lift, with gas supplied from Triton via Bittern. A 3-inch gas lift carbon steel pipeline will be piggybacked to the Kyla production pipeline to supply gas lift to the Kyla well. An electro/chemical/hydraulic and control umbilical will also be extended from Bittern to Kyla, which will run adjacent to the pipelines, 50 - 75 metres apart.

Development drilling at Kyla is expected to take place during Q4 2027 to Q1 2028. The subsea installation operations are expected to take place during Q2 to Q3 2028, and First Oil is targeted for Q3 2028. The field is expected to produce hydrocarbons for circa eight years, until 2035, depending on the reserves, the production rate and the life of the Triton FPSO.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure and regulation 13 applies as the project could have a significant effect on the environment of the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State’s decision on whether to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application of consent is:

- a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA’s grant of consent following the Secretary of State’s conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;
- b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA’s grant of consent following the Secretary of State’s conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA’s grant of consent following the Secretary of State’s conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that Serica Energy Chinook Limited must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measures to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and OGA decisions for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia> where information on the Secretary of State’s decision to agree to or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

Access to Further Information

Copies of this notice, the summary of the project and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.serica-energy.com/triton-area#Kyla> and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia> . Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under Regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

A copy of the Environmental Statement and summary of the project may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to (London office) – Serica Energy plc, 72 Welbeck Street (4th Floor), LONDON W1G 0AY or (Aberdeen office) – Serica Energy, H1 Building, Hill of Rubislaw, Anderson Drive, ABERDEEN, AB15 6BY, by email to info@serica-energy.com or by telephone 02074 877300 (LONDON) or 01224 978400 (ABERDEEN) by 09/05/2026.

Public Consultation

Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 09/05/2026. All representations should quote reference number ES-2025-021 and may be made by letter or by email to:

Business Support Team
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
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Crimon Place
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Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems; one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office (Northern Ireland).