

Application for a Band 1 Marine Licence

Project description

Project name

Conwy to Douglas Pipeline Spill Monitoring Survey

Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, including location.

The Douglas complex, operated by Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI), is a system of three bridge-linked platforms in the East Irish Sea, approximately 23 km off the coast of North Wales, UK, covering water depths varying from 0 to 29 m. A 12 km long subsea pipeline connects the Douglas platform to the Conwy Platform.

ENI propose to undertake subtidal and intertidal surveys to assess the impacts of an oil spill which occurred following a rupture on the Conwy to Douglas pipeline in proximity to the Douglas platform on the 14th February 2022.

The proposed sampling strategy has been designed to adequately sample the areas which could be potentially impacted by the oil spill providing accurate, up-to-date data on the subtidal and intertidal benthic habitats, communities, and species within reach of the oil spill. Subtidal Sampling will collect benthic grab (triplicate 0.1m² Dual Van Veen grab) samples for subsequent macrobenthic, sediment particle size analysis (PSA) and sediment chemistry analysis at sampling stations across a cruciform design. Seabed imagery will be collected with a Dropdown Camera system at each of the grab sampling stations prior to grab deployment to ensure the target location is clear of any obstruction (e.g., subsea cables) or protected habitat (e.g., Annex I habitats). Whilst most stations are located in English waters, 5 stations are located in Welsh waters. 1 station is location in the Liverpool Bay SPA therefore any potential impact on sensitive habitats will be none/negligible.

Applicant details

To whom the licence will be issued. This must be a legal entity such as an individual, registered company/ charity or public body.

Title	Mr
Full name	Ross Griffin
Company or trading name	Ocean Ecology Limited
Company Registration Number (if applicable)	08961638
Name of contact or individual (if different)	Dominic Waller
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Details of agent, contractor, vehicles and/or vessels used to carry out works

Does the applicant wish to be included in all correspondence?
Yes

Will the works require the use of vessels?
Yes

Will the works require the use of any vehicles?
No

Proposed project details

Licensable period	
Determination of applications will be based on the works taking place during these dates. Please ensure you have included an adequate contingency period. If works are not completed by the requested licence expiry date you may be required to submit a new application. Including a contingency period within your original application does not impact on the licence fee.	
Start date (DD/MM/YYYY)	01/04/2023
Requested licence expiry date (DD/MM/YYYY)	01/04/2024

Please detail the location of the proposed project.	
This should be either Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (i.e. SN 12345 67890) or Latitude and Longitude in decimal degrees to 4 decimal places (i.e. Lat 52.1234 Long -4.1234), defining the extent of the project. Please specify which coordinate system has been used and if using GIS co-ordinates, specify which projection has been used.	
ID Easting Northing Lat Lon	
1 434942.5442 5940696.823 53° 36' 39.74986911"" N 003° 59' 00.10800120"" W	
2 435728.9091 5941541.131 53° 37' 07.41596443"" N 003° 58' 17.95187668"" W	
3 449555.6866 5941938.452 53° 37' 25.72301699"" N 003° 45' 45.74507823"" W	
4 460822.4019 5935239.341 53° 33' 52.43111530"" N 003° 35' 29.49546230"" W	
5 465238.2852 5924803.975 53° 28' 15.88597767"" N 003° 31' 25.31372170"" W	
6 456753.8223 5925797.278 53° 28' 45.76401038"" N 003° 39' 05.93442454"" W	
Coordinate system and projection	
WGS 84 UTM Zone 30 N	

Method statement

Are the works within a sensitive area or one of the following activities: boreholes, replacement piles or beach management?
No

Method statement

You can upload your method statement here or fill in the questions below.

- File: OEL_RPSCON0222_SAP_V04 (06.10.22).docx - [Download](#)

Materials of the project

Will the works involve removals seaward of MHWS?

Yes

Description of materials to be removed seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Other

Description of objects/materials to be removed seaward of MHWS, including quantities to be removed.

Sediment samples for scientific testing (Particle Size Analysis, Macrofaunal and physicochemical) using Dual Van Veen grab (0.1m², triplicate samples), 5 stations within Welsh waters.

Additional information

Please provide the following:

You must include a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map or Admiralty Chart with location of project complete with north arrow and scale

You must include details of correspondence with MCA, Trinity House and The Crown Estate

You must include any pre application advice/correspondence with NRW

Correspondence with RCAHWW (B1 removals only)

Please upload these below

- File: Conwy to Douglas Pipeline Monitoring Survey_Welsh Stations_Admiralty Chart.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: Stations Within Welsh Waters.png - [Download](#)
- File: CP_OEL_01 SSL Agreement TCE Signed.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: RE Conwy to Douglas Pipeline Benthic Survey_MCA.txt - [Download](#)
- File: RE Conwy to Douglas Pipeline Benthic Survey_Trinity_House.txt - [Download](#)
- File: RE_Conwy to Douglas Pipeline Benthic Survey_RCAHMW.txt - [Download](#)
- File: RML2250 Marine Licence.pdf - [Download](#)

Please list below all supporting documents that have been submitted with this application.

Stations over admiralty chart

Stations within Welsh waters over conservation areas via GIS map

Details of pre-engagement with MCA, Trinity House and RCAHMW from first application

Provision of The Crown Estate Seabed Survey Licence

Provision of NRW Band 1 Marine Licence for same activities - the licence period expired and OEL were advised that a new application need be made.

Statutory powers

Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the project? e.g. coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers

No

Public register

Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider should NOT be included on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:

	Yes	No
Would be contrary to the interest of National Security?		X
Would prejudice to an unreasonable degree you, or some other person's commercial interest or those of a third party?		X

Application fee

Please provide the method of payment

BACS

Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application form and supporting documentation is true.

WARNING: It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information. This could invalidate any licence granted.

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Position in company	Commercial Manager

If you would like a copy of your completed form, please add your preferred email address below:

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