NSTA Case Register

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| **Case ref** | **Issue** | **Parties** | **NSTA powers** | **Area of North Sea** | **Date opened** | **Status** | **Stage: Investigation/Draft Decision/Final Decision/ Withdrawn** | **Date closed [link to case decision document]** |
| **2018-**  **00019** | Commercial Transaction – late life assets  (right assets right hands) | ConocoPhillips / DNO  / Premier / Tullow / BP / Neptune | Sanction investigation | Southern North Sea | February 2018 | Closed | Final Decision | **30 July 2019** [**Case decision**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/5985/2019_08_19-cms-case-closure-summary-final.pdf)  [**document**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/5985/2019_08_19-cms-case-closure-summary-final.pdf) |
| **2018-**  **00094** | Access to FPO infrastructure (resource progression) | \* | Third Party Infrastructure Access Dispute | Central North Sea | Dec 2018 | Closed | Draft Decision,  Application later withdrawn | **12 February 2020** |
| **2019-**  **00104** | Dispute over the prioritisation of access to Cygnus capacity in relation to transportation and processing services for gas from the Pegasus field | Owners of Cygnus (Neptune E&P UK Ltd and Spirit Energy) and owners of Pegasus (Spirit Energy and Hague and London Oil BV) | Own initiative Non- Binding Dispute Resolution | Southern North Sea | June 2019 | Closed | Final Decision | **30 August 2019** [**Summary of**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/6024/summary-of-cygnus-pegasus-oga-recommendation-final.pdf)  [**Recommendation**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/6024/summary-of-cygnus-pegasus-oga-recommendation-final.pdf) |
| **2021-00111** | Investigation into the non- compliance of licensing terms for reporting the Vorlich Extended Well Tests | BP Exploration Operating Company Limited | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | January 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **26 July 2021** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/7704/vorlich-sanction-notice-july-2021.pdf) |
| **2021-00119** | Investigation into behaviours linked to the renegotiation of agreements between the owners of the Fulmar and Flyndre facilities | Repsol North Sea Limited | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | June 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **13 November 2024**  [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/liec3sb1/flyndre-sanction-notice-redacted.pdf) |
| **2021-00118** | Investigation into a possible  breach of field production consents | Shell U.K. Limited | Sanction investigation | Southern North Sea | August 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **21 April 2022** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/8173/shell-pcon-sanction-notice.pdf) |
| **2021-00117** | Investigation into a possible breach of a flare consent | Equinor U.K. Limited | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | August 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **1 December 2022** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/8638/equinor-sanction-notice-december-2022.pdf) |

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| **2021-00121** | Investigation into Exxon Mobil  -NEO transaction: Transfer of Interests in the Elgin and Franklin Fields, the SEAL Pipeline and SVT | TotalEnergies E&P UK Limited and E. F. Oil and Gas Limited/Esso Exploration and Production UK Limited/NEO Energy  Upstream UK Limited | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | October 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **14 April 2022** [**Press release**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/news-publications/news/2022/nsta-closes-investigation-and-reminds-industry-of-need-for-prompt-collaboration-on-transactions/) |
| **2021-00120** | Investigation into a possible  breach of field production consents | Spirit Energy North Sea Limited | Sanction investigation | Southern North Sea | December 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **25 November 2022** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/8639/spirit-sanction-notice-november-2022.pdf) |
| **2021-00128** | Investigation into a possible breach of a flare consent | EnQuest Heather Limited | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | December 2021 | Closed | Final Decision | **25 November 2022** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/8640/enquest-sanction-notice-november-2022.pdf) |
| **2022-00125** | Investigation into a possible  failure to meet licence obligations | \* | Sanction investigation | \* | August 2022 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2022-00126** | Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence  obligations | \* | Sanction investigation | \* | August 2022 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2022-00123** | Investigation into a possible  failure to meet licence obligations | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | September 2022 | Closed | The investigation is closed: it did not meet with the considerations to pursue the investigation as set out  in the NSTA’s Sanction Procedure. | **12 July 2024** |
| **2022-00132** | Investigation into a possible breach of flare and vent  consents | Repsol Sinopec North Sea Limited | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | October 2022 | Closed | Final Decision | **5 December 2023** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/gdapghqx/repsol-sanction-notice-december-2023.pdf) |
| **2022-00133** | Investigation into possible commencement of well test activity without consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | October 2022 | Closed | The investigation is closed: it did not meet with the considerations to pursue the investigation as set out in the NSTA’s Sanction Procedure. | **22 March 2023** |
| **2023-00135** | Investigation into a possible breach of a field production consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | January 2023 | Closed | The investigation is closed: it did not meet with the considerations to pursue the investigation as set out in the NSTA’s Sanction Procedure. | **14 August 2023** |
| **2023-00136** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | January 2023 | Closed | The investigation is closed: it did not meet with the considerations to pursue the investigation as set out  in the NSTA’s Sanction Procedure. | **15 August 2023** |
| **2023-00134** | Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence obligations | \* | Sanction investigation | West of Shetland | February 2023 | Closed | The investigation is closed: it did not meet with the considerations to pursue the investigation as set out  in the NSTA’s Sanction Procedure. | **28 February 2024** |
| **2023-00137** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | NEO Energy Production UK Limited | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | March 2023 | Closed | Final Decision | **10 April 2024** [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/gclhb50w/neo-vent-consent-exceedance-statutory-notice-18-april-2024.pdf) |
| **2023-00138** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | Perenco UK Limited | Sanction investigation | Onshore | August 2023 | Closed | Final Decision | **24 April 2024**  [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/xy1aenmk/perenco-dimlington-vent-consent-sanction-notice-april-2024.pdf) |
| **2023-00139** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | December 2023 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2023-00140** | Investigation into a failure to have the appropriate  consent to plug and abandon | ONE-Dyas UK Limited | Sanction investigation | \* | December 2023 | Closed | Final Decision | **4 November 2024**  [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/kkte3b0u/one-dyas-sanction-notice.pdf) |
| **2023-00141** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | December 2023 | Closed | Final Decision | **17 December 2024**  [**Sanction Notice**](https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/iyylfpig/20241126-cpel-sn-final.pdf) |
| **2024-00142** | Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | July 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2024-00143** | Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | July 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2024-00144** | Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | July 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2024-00145** | Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | July 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2024-00146** | Investigation into a possible breach of the OGA Strategy | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | August 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2024-00147** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | August 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2024-00148** | Investigation into a possible failure to have the appropriate  consent to plug and abandon | \* | Sanction investigation | \* | October 2024 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2025-00149** | Investigation into a possible breach of a production consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Southern North Sea | March 2025 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2025-00150** | Investigation into a possible breach of a production consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Central North Sea | March 2025 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2025-00151** | Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | March 2025 | Open | Investigation |  |
| **2025-00152** | Investigation into a possible breach of the OGA Strategy and possible breaches of production consents | \* | Sanction investigation | Northern North Sea | March 2025 | Open | Investigation |  |

\* The NSTA may publish names of relevant parties to a dispute or sanctions case if it considers that such disclosure would be in the public interest.

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