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# NSTA Case Register

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ref	Issue	Parties	NSTA powers	Area of North Sea	Date opened	Status	Stage: Investigation/Draft Decision/Final Decision/ Withdrawn	Date closed [link to case decision document]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 <a href="#">Case decision document</a>
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*	Third Party Infrastructure Access Dispute	Central North Sea	Dec 2018	Closed	Draft Decision, Application later withdrawn	12 February 2020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 <a href="#">Summary of Recommendation</a>
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 <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
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 <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
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 <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
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 <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>

<b>2021-00121</b>	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	<b>14 April 2022</b> <a href="#">Press release</a>
<b>2021-00120</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of field production consents	Spirit Energy North Sea Limited	Sanction investigation	Southern North Sea	December 2021	Closed	Final Decision	<b>25 November 2022</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2021-00128</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a flare consent	EnQuest Heather Limited	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	December 2021	Closed	Final Decision	<b>25 November 2022</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2022-00125</b>	Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence obligations	*	Sanction investigation	*	August 2022	Open	Investigation	
<b>2022-00126</b>	Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence obligations	*	Sanction investigation	*	August 2022	Open	Investigation	
<b>2022-00123</b>	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.	<b>12 July 2024</b>
<b>2022-00132</b>	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	<b>5 December 2023</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2022-00133</b>	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.	<b>22 March 2023</b>
<b>2023-00135</b>	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.	<b>14 August 2023</b>
<b>2023-00136</b>	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.	<b>15 August 2023</b>
<b>2023-00134</b>	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	<b>28 February 2024</b>

							to pursue the investigation as set out in the NSTA's Sanction Procedure.	
<b>2023-00137</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	NEO Energy Production UK Limited	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	March 2023	Closed	Final Decision	<b>10 April 2024</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2023-00138</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	Perenco UK Limited	Sanction investigation	Onshore	August 2023	Closed	Final Decision	<b>24 April 2024</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2023-00139</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	Chrysaor North Sea Limited	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	December 2023	Closed	Final Decision	<b>21 July 2025</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2023-00140</b>	Investigation into a failure to have the appropriate consent to plug and abandon	ONE-Dyas UK Limited	Sanction investigation	*	December 2023	Closed	Final Decision	<b>4 November 2024</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2023-00141</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	December 2023	Closed	Final Decision	<b>17 December 2024</b> <a href="#">Sanction Notice</a>
<b>2024-00142</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	July 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2024-00143</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	July 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2024-00144</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	July 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2024-00145</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a plug and abandon obligation	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	July 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2024-00146</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of the OGA Strategy	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	August 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2024-00147</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	August 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2024-00148</b>	Investigation into a possible failure to have the appropriate consent to plug and abandon	*	Sanction investigation	*	October 2024	Open	Investigation	
<b>2025-00149</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a production consent	*	Sanction investigation	Southern North Sea	March 2025	Open	Investigation	
<b>2025-00150</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a production consent	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	March 2025	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.	<b>24 July 2025</b>
<b>2025-00151</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	March 2025	Open	Investigation	
<b>2025-00152</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of the OGA Strategy and possible breaches of production consents	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	March 2025	Open	Investigation	
<b>2025-00153</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	May 2025	Open	Investigation	
<b>2025-00154</b>	Investigation into a possible breach of a production consent	*	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	May 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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