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2018 UKCS Stewardship Survey

Summary of Changes from the 2017 Survey

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1. INTRODUCTION

The UKCS Stewardship Survey for 2018 has been enhanced to consider feedback from Operators and Licensees after the 2017 Survey. The resultant changes should ensure continuous improvement of the survey and enhance understanding.

This document defines the main changes that have been made to the survey. If required, more detail will be provided in Training and Awareness sessions later in the year.

2. GENERAL

Some general information and updates are detailed below and any change has been implemented based on feedback received. These include:

1. The Survey is open for the same length of time last year
 - a. The main survey will start on 1 November 2018 and will close on 28 February 2019.
 - b. The Activity section of the survey will start on 1 November 2018 and will close on 18 January 2019.
2. Many of the master datasets used in the 2017 survey had issues, including missing wells, missing fields and facilities and incorrect status. A lot of work has gone into improving these, where we are able to. However, they are not perfect and we would ask again that, when the survey goes live on 1 November, you check the reporting units displayed for your company and advise us, via the survey mailbox, as soon as possible of any anomalies.
3. Most survey sections will benefit from enhanced quality checks in 2018. Not only does this improve data quality, but we hope will also reduce the number of correction requests raised by the OGA. **Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the Operator/Licence holder SPA to ensure that the data submitted is accurate.**
4. A full review of Section guidance has been completed and enhanced where deemed appropriate, based on the types of queries received during the 2017 survey. As with the 2017 survey, some of the guidance is on the survey screens, whilst other guidance is in separate documents that are linked into the survey.
5. The Section Audit Log will now be visible to the Operator for all sections and historical correction requests will be available to be viewed here, even if you are not the Company SPA.

3. LICENSING/EXPLORATION & APPRAISAL

The following changes have been implemented in the Licensing and E&A sections of the survey.

1. All seismic data that were in the 2017 survey will continue to be copied forward into the 2018 survey unless there is a change of Operator in which case the data will have to be entered by the new operator. The option remains to add new seismic should this be relevant.
2. There is a new question to determine if licence was relinquished during the survey year.
3. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

4. WELLS

The following changes have been implemented in the Wells section of the survey.

1. The master well data in WONS continues to be enhanced to improve its quality. However, as stated above, the data is not perfect and you should ensure data is up to date in WONS throughout the year. This should minimise changes once the survey is open. However, it is advised you also review your data as soon as the Survey launches. The wells section had the most correction requests raised last year.
2. A new category has been added to the wellbore fluids drop down for a “Water Producer”.
3. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

5. SUPPLY CHAIN

The following changes have been implemented in the Supply Chain section of the survey.

1. A new question has been added to this section relating to your company’s standard payment terms (i.e. number of days).
2. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

6. TECHNOLOGY

The following changes have been implemented in the Technology section of the survey.

1. On the 'UK Technology Spend - Breakdown by Category' page “Well Drilling and Construction” has been changed to “Well drilling and Completion”
2. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

7. ACTIVITY

The following changes have been implemented in the Activity section of the survey.

1. Projects that were “cancelled”, by having their probability of proceeding set to 0% in 2017, won't be carried forward into the 2018 Survey.
2. There is an additional validation check to ensure that if Production profiles are entered associated operating cost profiles should also be entered.
3. There is an additional column in the production and costs tab in the Gas Import and Usage table called “Other”. A comment will be requested if this column is populated.
4. You will no longer be allowed to add historical (i.e. 2017 or 2018) production or sales data for an unsanctioned project (i.e. where probability of proceeding is <100%). Historic cost data can still be reported for such projects.
5. The number of years available to report against in the decom pages of the Activity section are inconsistent with the Decom section – these will be aligned and all sections of Activity updated.
6. In the Operated Activities screen for Pipelines and Terminals, all reference to “Production” will be changed to “Throughput”.
7. Change to gas production/sales units from scf/d to mmscf/d.
8. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

8. DECOMMISSIONING

The following changes have been implemented in the Decommissioning section of the survey.

1. Facility and Pipeline master data listings will be enhanced to reduce the need for Operators to submit data in the comments boxes.
2. In the 'Removals actuals - live removal projects' tab, under the 'Topsides' heading, two new questions will be added: Topside - Make Safe and Topside – Prep.
3. Cost Estimate tab will have two further calculated attributes, one for "Total Actual Spend" and one for "Total Forecast Spend". There is no additional action for Operators.
4. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

9. PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY

The following changes have been implemented in the Production Efficiency section of the survey.

1. Cover Sheet - “type” will be removed as this is already requested in the Reserves & Resources section.
2. Cover Sheet - “FPSO” will be removed from Oil Export Method drop down and the “Tanker” option will remain.
3. Cover Sheet - In the “Additional Production Information” section, there will be some additional guidance added around actual unplanned shutdown duration and these questions will be re-ordered to flow better.
4. Potentials - Previous Year SMPP and EMPP will be added to the Potentials screen and mandatory comment will be required if current year input differs from previous year by $\pm 10\%$.
5. Potentials – addition of an error check to ensure Production Choke input > 0 .
6. Losses - Annual Planned Shutdown (TAR) will be split out from the overall Plant losses and input as a new loss section.
7. Losses – QC check to compare total losses input versus calculated. Submission will be prevented if outwith $\pm 10\%$.
8. Supporting Information – there will be a new request for Hub Operators to upload the completed 3rd party templates that they receive.
9. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

10. RESERVES & RESOURCES

The following changes have been implemented in the Reserves & Resources section of the survey.

1. Fluid type will have an additional “Oil and Gas” option in the drop down
2. “EOR Type” selection will now become mandatory and will have the option to select “Other” with mandatory comment box.
3. The threshold for +/- 10% clarification is changing. Comments will now be mandatory for:
 - any change > 5 million barrels (liquids) or 25 bcf (gas) (even if change < 10%)
 - any change > 10% AND > 0.1 million barrels or 0.5 bcf

Therefore, any changes < 0.1 million barrels or 0.5 bcf don't require comments even if change > 10%

4. QC check between 2P and Activity Section Sales Profiles
5. QC check to ensure 3C doesn't = 0 if 2C is > 0
6. Include some graphics onscreen to help Operators spot some of the data mismatches we have been receiving between Activity and Reserves section, to help further minimise correction requests.
7. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

11. MASTER DATA

The 2017 survey master data lists will again be reviewed during 2018. That said, we cannot guarantee that all the master data is correct as some of the data is reliant upon Operators and Licensees ensuring that the data is correct.

If, after logging into the Stewardship Survey, you find that some of the master data (fields, hubs, facilities, wells etc) are incorrect or possibly incorrect, please contact the UKOP helpdesk using the details in the next section and the OGA will be able to fix any issues.

12. HELP & SUPPORT

Help and support will be available through the usual UK Operations helpdesk, the details are:

- ukop@ogauthority.co.uk
- 0300 067 1682

13. SUMMARY

All the survey changes implemented this year have been based on industry feedback or changing OGA requirements. All data will be used to contribute directly to MER UK.

Note

It is the OGA's intention to maintain a broadly standard survey from this point forward for its annual UKCS Stewardship Survey so that data collected from surveys can be collated, compared and contrasted with past annual datasets. There will however, continue to be some small changes over time, but the basic survey should remain the same. Any future changes that are made will be communicated at the appropriate time.