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# 2021 UKCS Stewardship Survey

Summary of Changes from the 2020 Survey

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## 1. Introduction

The 2021 UKCS Stewardship Survey has been enhanced considering feedback received from Operators during and after the 2020 Survey.

This document defines the main changes that have been made to the survey.

## 2. General

1. The Survey is open for the same length of time as last year:
  - a. The main Survey will start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and will close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
  - b. The Activity section of the survey will also start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 but will close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This section closes earlier than the rest of the Survey so that up-to-date data can be used to inform the OGA's estimates and projections of expenditure and production which it provides to the Office for Budget Responsibility ahead of the Spring Statement.
2. **A new section will be added to the survey this year called GHG Emissions.** Forecast only, yearly profile data will be requested for:
  - a. Direct Emissions (split into fuel combustion, flare and vent) and Indirect Energy Supply Emissions at installation level, terminal level and for any new developments that require consent from the OGA (FDPs, FDPAs).
  - b. Shipping, Aviation and Drilling emissions at Organisational Level.
  - c. Attributes collected include
    - i. CO<sub>2</sub>
    - ii. Methane
    - iii. Other GHGs

A full section guide will be available on the external website.

3. Each year we try to improve the quality of the master datasets used in the survey, but some issues still occur, 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, the master datasets are still not perfect and we would ask again that, when the survey goes live on 1<sup>st</sup> November, you check the data for your company and advise us, via the survey mailbox ([stewardshipsurvey@ogauthority.co.uk](mailto:stewardshipsurvey@ogauthority.co.uk)), as soon as possible of any anomalies.

4. Most survey sections will benefit from enhanced quality checks in 2021. Not only does this improve data quality, but we hope will also reduce the number of correction requests raised by the OGA. **Please note that it is the responsibility of the Operator/Licence holder SPA (Single Points of Accountability) to ensure that the data submitted is accurate.**
5. A full review of section guidance has been completed and enhanced where deemed appropriate, based on the types of queries received during the 2020 survey. As with the 2020 survey, some of the guidance is on the survey screens, whilst extended section notes can be found in separate documents that are linked to from the survey webpage at <https://www.ogauthority.co.uk/exploration-production/asset-stewardship/surveys/>. (This will be fully updated prior to survey launch.) We now have individual survey guides for each section, along with a **SPA 'checklist'** of common checks that can be done before the submission on the section.

### 3. Admin

The following changes are being made to survey in general:

1. Operators will be able to request for a section to be reopened on screen. This will now also be recorded in the Audit trail for each section. Previously this was done via email to [stewardshipsurvey@ogauthority.co.uk](mailto:stewardshipsurvey@ogauthority.co.uk)
2. Operators will be able to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> team coordinator.

### 4. Licensing/Exploration & Appraisal

The following changes are being implemented in the Licensing and E&A sections of the survey:

1. Operators will now be able to add either an Activity plan or provide details via a comments box.
2. A new category for constraints has been added 'Screened out on Subsurface Evaluation' in the Licensing Section.
3. In the Constraints section, only wells that have been fully cancelled and not just delayed should be added. All other wells, unless drilled or cancelled, should be reported under 'Proposed exploration and appraisal wells' page.
4. Survey year processed is now a mandatory data entry.

5. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 5. Reserves and Resources

The following changes are being implemented in the Reserves & Resources section of the survey:

1. The graphical review page has now been fixed to show Activity section information without any rounding issues.
2. Copy and Paste function now works throughout the section.
3. On the Reservoir detail page, data entry will be restricted depending on the fluid type selected. E.g. if the reservoir is Oil only, you will no longer have the opportunity to provide GIIP values.
4. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 6. Activity

The following changes are being implemented in the Activity section of the survey:

1. Extra guidance will be added to make clear that technical profiles not economic profiles are requested in the Activity section.
2. You will no longer be able to enter negative cost values for base case activities.
3. A new column will be added in the OPEX section after the auto calculated Total OPEX called 'of which ETS costs'.
4. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 7. Decommissioning

We currently ask for decommissioning cost data in both the Activity and Decommissioning sections of the survey. We ask for high level forecasted cost data in the Activity section per field which is due earlier than the rest of the survey sections so that the data can be used to inform the

OGA’s estimates and projections of expenditure and production which is provided to the Office of Budget Responsibility ahead of the Spring Statement. The decommissioning section asks for costs, along with other information, at a more granular asset level which is due later than the activity section to provide more time to submit this data.

The following changes are being implemented in the Decommissioning section of the survey:

1. There will be a new page called ‘Activity Cross check’ where a graphical review of sanctioned decommissioning costs from the Activity section will be plotted against the total decommissioning costs for the decommissioning section for each year. The graph will show 2 years outturn data and all forecasted years. Where costs are greater than 5% difference from the activity section to decommissioning section, you will be asked to provide an explanatory comment. This is to help with the alignment of decommissioning costs. Please note, this will only work when an Activity section has been submitted.
2. Contracts in place and campaign data will be automatically populated from previous surveys.
3. The current survey year will be added to the following pages to make clearer data in these sections should only include current survey year:
  - a. 2021 Well P&A Actuals
  - b. 2021 Removals Actuals – recent removal projects
  - c. 2021 Subsea infrastructure actuals
4. The organisational level Decom section will have 1 question removed.
5. The cost of well decommissioning will now be split out into the following categories
  - a. Project Management
  - b. Facilities upgrade
  - c. Mob/Demob
  - d. Time on well
  - e. Waiting on weather / Non productive time
6. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 8. Production Efficiency

The following changes are being implemented in the Production Efficiency section of the survey:

1. An explanatory comment will be needed when the calculated combined losses are not within 2% of the combined reported production losses (CPL = SMPP – UPP – CPD – EPP – AWP)
2. It was expected that 4 topsides Process Flow diagrams were provided in separate document uploads, but if only 1 document is uploaded (e.g. all diagrams are in the 1 document) you will now be asked for a comment rather than forced to add a total of 4 documents.
3. If data is entered into the 4 main losses sections (Well; Plant; Export; Market) then you will be asked to provide details on main contributors.
4. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 9. Technology

The following changes are being implemented in the Technology section of the survey:

1. The maturity stages will be expanded so that you can now select 'Technology Gap' if applicable.
2. If a technology has been fully removed, you will be asked to provide a brief describe the changes/updates.
3. A minimum technology plan template will be available on our external webpage.
4. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 10. Supply Chain

The following changes are being implemented in the Supply Chain section of the survey:

1. There will be a change of wording to the workforce question to ensure actual number of employees per year are submitted and not the change from previous surveys.
2. When adding a project to the Action plan section you will be asked some further information:
  - Is the project on pathfinder (Y/N)
  - If not, further detailed required

- What is the project type (Linked to FDP/FDPA; Decommissioning; Energy Transition; Other)
  - Any further comments
3. A new section will be added called Payment Terms, where the questions below will be asked related to any invoices for activities regarding CAPEX, OPEX and ABEX.
    - How many invoices have you received in 2020?
    - How many invoices were paid in 2020?
    - How many of these invoices were paid within 30 days?
    - How many of these invoices had disputes?
  4. The question 'Do you use Logic standard contracts' will be replaced with 'Please select the main type of contract used in your business'. If you select the option 'Logic Standard Contracts', then the follow on question will appear 'What sections, if any, are deviated from their original wording?'
  5. The current % spend question will be replaced with a table asking for actual spend per location (UK based; EU based; Elsewhere) for CAPEX, OPEX and ABEX spend in 2020.
  6. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.

## 11. Wells

The following changes are being 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 are not perfect, and you should ensure data are up to date in WONS throughout the year. This should minimise changes once the survey is open. However, we ask that you also review your data as soon as the Survey launches.**
2. When adding an activity to a well, the option to enter costs as GBP or USD will be removed and assumed all costs are in GBP.
3. Expanded guidance is available to describe issues affecting wells to help ensure the correct category is selected.
4. All sections have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes.



## 12. Master Data

The 2020 survey master data lists will again be reviewed during 2021. 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 Help & Support using the details in the next section and the OGA will be able to fix any issues.**

## 13. Help & Support

Help and support will be available through the usual UK Operations helpdesk, the details for technical/IT issues are:

- [ukop@ogauthority.co.uk](mailto:ukop@ogauthority.co.uk)
- 0300 067 1682

And the details for help regarding question queries are:

- [stewardshipsurvey@ogauthority.co.uk](mailto:stewardshipsurvey@ogauthority.co.uk)

## 14. 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 the OGA strategy.

### 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.