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2022 UKCS Stewardship Survey

Summary of Changes from the 2021 Survey

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Introduction

The 2022 UKCS Stewardship Survey has been enhanced considering feedback received from Operators during and after the 2021 Survey.

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

General

1. The Survey is open for the same length of time as last year:
 - a. The main Survey will start on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and will close on Friday 24th February 2023.
 - b. The Activity section of the survey will also start on Tuesday 1st November 2022 but will close on Friday 13th January 2023. This section closes earlier than the rest of the Survey so that up-to-date data can be used to inform the NSTA's estimates and projections of expenditure and production which it provides to the Office for Budget Responsibility ahead of the Spring Statement.
2. 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 1st November, you check the data for your company and advise us, via the survey mailbox (stewardshipsurvey@nstauthority.co.uk), as soon as possible of any anomalies.
3. Most survey sections will benefit from enhanced quality checks in 2022. Not only does this improve data quality, but we hope will also reduce the number of correction requests raised by the NSTA. **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.**
4. A full review of section guidance has been completed and enhanced where deemed appropriate, based on the types of queries received during the 2021 survey. As with the 2021 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 [North Sea Transition Authority \(NSTA\): Surveys - Asset stewardship - Exploration & production \(nstauthority.co.uk\)](#). (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.
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Licensing/ Exploration & Appraisal

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

1. Cancelled Prospects will no longer copy forward
2. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

Reserves and Resources

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

1. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

Activity

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

1. You will no longer be able to enter negative production volumes and Tariff Income for base case activities
2. Field development type will now copy forward
3. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

Decommissioning

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% and at least £20MM 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. You will no longer be able to submit text for Quantities & Weights Subsea Infrastructure
3. You will no longer be able to submit numerical data of more than 3 decimal places in the cost estimate subsea infrastructure section
4. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

Production Efficiency

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

1. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

Technology

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

1. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

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 first Payment Terms question to correctly capture how many invoices received were due for payment in 2022.
2. Breakdown of goods and services has been removed as we can get this detail from SCAPs
3. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

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. Expanded guidance is available to describe issues affecting wells to help ensure the correct category is selected
3. Where total production contributed by intervention activity is greater than 5 MMBOE, you will now be asked to confirm if this is correct.
4. There will be a warning validation when manually adding wells that the following wells should not appear in the survey section (but they may belong in a different section); non-designated wells (unless regulatory completion date is in year), wells with a different “target field” identified in WONS, AB3 wells which were not abandoned in the subject year
5. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

GHG Emissions

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

1. All sections of the Survey have enhanced guidance and explanatory notes

Master Data

The 2021 survey master data lists will again be reviewed during 2022. 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 NSTA will be able to fix any issues.

Help & Support

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

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

And the details for help regarding question queries are:

- stewardshipsurvey@nstauthority.co.uk

Summary

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

Note

It is the NSTA'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.

