



North Sea Transition Authority

Notice pursuant to Energy Act 2023 section 112(1)(a) Requirement to provide information & samples to the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA)

To: ***Carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licensees (“CS Licensees”)***

Date: **3rd July 2026**

NB: The North Sea Transition Authority (“NSTA”) is the business name of the Oil and Gas Authority (“OGA”). The OGA remains the legal name of the company. References to the NSTA should be interpreted as the OGA.

1. Section 112(1) of the Energy Act 2023 (‘EA2023’) states that:

‘112 Power of the OGA to require information and samples

(1) The OGA may by notice in writing, for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under Chapter 3 of Part 1 of the Energy Act 2008 (storage of carbon dioxide), require—

- (a) a licensee to provide it with any carbon storage information, or a portion of any carbon storage sample, held by or on behalf of the licensee;*
- (b) a person who holds information or samples in accordance with an information and samples plan to provide it with any such information or a portion of any such sample. [...]*

(A copy of section 112 and Schedule 8 Part 1 of the EA2023 (regarding appeals) are attached to this Notice at **ANNEX 1**)

Definitions of “carbon storage information” and “carbon storage samples” are given in section 107 EA2023:

‘107 Chapter 5: Key definitions

[...]

(4) “Carbon storage information” means information acquired or created by or on behalf of a licensee in the course of carrying out activities under the licensee’s carbon storage licence.

(5) “Carbon storage samples” means samples of substances acquired by or on behalf of a licensee in the course of carrying out activities under the licensee’s carbon storage licence.”

2. Pursuant to section 112(1)(a) EA2023, the NSTA hereby gives notice that you are required to provide it with the following carbon storage information and carbon storage samples set out at 2(i) to (x) below (the ‘requested information and samples’) for the reporting period. The reporting period for this notice covers the period of 13 May 2025 to 31 December 2026, both dates inclusive. The requested information and samples include those that were held by, or on behalf of, a CS licensee immediately before the 13 May 2025, and also those that were acquired or created by, or on behalf of, a CS licensee on or after that date.
- i) Summary well information required to be reported in submissions to the NSTA’s Well Operations and Notification System (**‘WONS’**) during the reporting period (see paragraphs 56, 57 and table 1 of the NSTA’s *Guidance on retention, reporting and disclosure of carbon storage information and samples*¹ (**‘the guidance’**)) (**‘summary well information’**).
 - ii) Other well information created or acquired in relation to wellbores with a regulatory completion date in the reporting period (paragraphs 58 to 63 and table 2 of the guidance) (**‘other well information’**).
 - iii) Samples acquired in relation to wellbores with a regulatory completion date in the reporting period (see paragraphs 76 to 79 and table 3 of the guidance) (**‘samples’**). **Please refer to section 5 (iii) below**
 - iv) Summary survey information for all surveys where acquisition has finished during the reporting period as required to be reported by the survey activity log and close-out form (see paragraphs 85 to 87 and table 4 of the guidance) (**‘summary survey information’**).
 - v) Information acquired or created during the reporting period in relation to surveys where acquisition has finished and/or where processing has been completed during the reporting period (see paragraphs 88 to 91 and table 5 of the guidance) (**‘other survey information’**).
 - vi) Injection and production information acquired during the reporting period at the minimum frequency of 24 hours per individual wellbore (see section paragraphs 101, 102 and table 6 of the guidance) (**‘injection and production information’**).

¹ <https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/r4ift5s3/guidance-on-retention-reporting-and-disclosure-of-carbon-storage-information-and-samples.pdf>

- vii) Geotechnical information contained in a storage permit application to which the NSTA has given consent in the reporting period (see paragraphs 116 to 117 of the guidance and the NSTA's Guidance on the Content of an Offshore Carbon Storage Permit Application ('Permit Application Guidance')²) (**'Permit application information'**).
 - viii) Summary storage site information, pertaining to a carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence, acquired or created in the reporting period (see paragraphs 120 to 122, 123 and table 7 of the guidance) (**'summary storage site information'**).
 - ix) Summary installation information as requested in the NSTA's biannual request (see paragraph 130 and table 8 of the guidance) (**'summary installation information'**).
 - x) Monitoring information acquired or created in the reporting period (see paragraphs 136 to 139 and table 10 of the guidance) (**'monitoring information'**).
3. The requested information and samples are carbon storage information or carbon storage samples as they have been acquired or created by or on behalf of a licensee in the course of carrying out activities under the licensee's carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licence.
 4. It is appropriate for the NSTA to request the requested information and samples for the purposes of carrying out any of its functions under Chapter 3 of Part 1 of the Energy Act 2008 (storage of carbon dioxide). It is also necessary in order for the NSTA to disclose this information and/or samples (if applicable and at the relevant time) in accordance with *The Oil and Gas Authority (Carbon Storage and Offshore Petroleum) (Specified Periods for Disclosure of Protected Material) Regulations 2026*.
 5. The requested information and samples should be provided to the following locations and in the following form and manner:
 - i) Summary well information must be reported through WONS in the form and manner required in respect of the relevant WONS submission.
 - ii) Other well information must be reported to the NDR in the form and manner specified in paragraphs 58 to 63 and table 2 of the guidance and in the NDR Form and Manner Document.
 - iii) Well samples: In the future, the NSTA intends to require routine reporting of core and cuttings samples under carbon dioxide appraisal and storage licences in line with the guidance. Presently, a long-term solution is being sought for the storage of reported samples under CS licences. In the meantime, the NSTA requests that all samples currently held or that are

² [Guidance on the content of an offshore carbon storage permit application](#)

planned to be collected in future under a CS licence, in accordance with The Oil and Gas Authority (Carbon Storage) (Retention of Information and Samples) Regulations 2025, are retained in full (i.e. the licensee portion and any part that would otherwise have been provided to the NSTA) by the licensees, until further notice.

- iv) Summary survey information must be reported in the form and manner specified in paragraphs 85 to 87 and table 4 of the guidance and in the form and manner required in respect of the NSTA Seismic Survey Acquisition Close Out Report.
- v) Survey information must be reported to the NDR in the form and manner specified in paragraphs 88 and 91 and table 5 of the guidance and in the NDR Form and Manner Document.
- vi) Monthly injection and production information, per well and per 24 hours, must be reported in the form and manner specified in paragraphs 101 and 102 and table 6.
- vii) Geotechnical information in a storage permit application must be submitted to the NSTA through the permit application process and reported in the form and manner specified in paragraphs 116 and 117 of the guidance and the NSTA's *Guidance on Applications for a Carbon Storage Permit and Permit Application Guidance*.
- viii) Summary storage site information is also included in a storage permit application and is reported in the form and manner specified in paragraphs 116 and 117 of the guidance and the NSTA's *Guidance on Applications for a Carbon Storage Permit and Permit Application Guidance*.
- ix) Summary installation information must be reported through the biannual reporting process in the form and manner specified in the biannual reporting templates supplied by the NSTA and in paragraph 130 and table 8 of the guidance.

6. The requested information and samples must be provided at the following time(s):

- i) Summary well information: at the times required by WONS.
- ii) Other well information: within 6 months after the regulatory completion date of the wellbore (see paragraph 61 of the guidance) or, if arising as the result of subsequent activity on the wellbore, 6 months after it is created or acquired.
- iii) Well samples: currently required to be retained until further notice from the NSTA, see above.
- iv) Summary geophysical survey information: in accordance with the NSTA Seismic Survey Acquisition Close Out Report (see paragraphs 85 to 87 and table 4 of the guidance).

- v) Survey information: within six months of when acquisition was complete for information that does not require processing; within six months of when acquisition was complete or within one month of when processing was complete, whichever is the later, for information that requires processing. (see paragraphs 88 to 91 and table 5 of the guidance).
- vi) Detailed injection and production information: monthly (see paragraphs 101 and 102 and table 6 of the guidance).
- vii) Geotechnical information in a storage permit application (reported in the permit application document): when required by the permit application process (see paragraph 117 of the guidance and the NSTA's guidance on permit applications referenced above).
- viii) Summary storage site and storage complex information: provided as part of the storage permit application process (see paragraph 124 and table 7 of the guidance).
- ix) Summary installation information: in accordance with specific reporting requests from the NSTA (normally issued in the 2nd and 4th quarters of the reporting period) (see paragraph 130 and table 8 of the guidance).

ANNEX 1

112 Power of OGA to require information and samples

- (1) The OGA may by notice in writing, for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under Chapter 3 of Part 1 of the Energy Act 2008 (storage of carbon dioxide), require—
 - (a) a licensee to provide it with any carbon storage information, or a portion of any carbon storage sample, held by or on behalf of the licensee;
 - (b) a person who holds information or samples in accordance with an information and samples plan to provide it with any such information or a portion of any such sample.
- (2) The notice must specify—
 - (a) the form or manner in which the information or the portion of a sample must be provided;
 - (b) the time at which, or period within which, the information or the portion of a sample must be provided.
- (3) Information requested under [subsection \(1\)](#) may not include items subject to legal privilege.
- (4) Requirements imposed by a notice under this section are sanctionable in accordance with this Chapter.
- (5) Where a person provides information or a portion of a sample to the OGA in accordance with a notice under this section, any requirements imposed on the person in respect of that information or sample by regulations under [section 108](#) are unaffected.

CARBON STORAGE INFORMATION AND SAMPLES: APPEALS

PART 1

APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION AND SAMPLES

Appeals in relation to information and samples plans

- 1 (1) A person affected by any decision of the OGA to which effect is given by the preparation of an information and samples plan may appeal against it to the Tribunal—
 - (a) on the ground that the decision was not within the powers of the OGA, or
 - (b) on the ground that the plan is unreasonable.
- (2) On an appeal under this paragraph the Tribunal may—
 - (a) affirm, vary or quash the decision under appeal,
 - (b) remit the decision under appeal to the OGA for reconsideration with such directions (if any) as the Tribunal considers appropriate, or
 - (c) substitute its own decision for the decision under appeal.

Appeals against notices requiring provision of information or samples

- 2 (1) A person affected by any decision of the OGA to which effect is given by the giving of a notice requiring the provision of information or samples under [section 112](#) may appeal against it to the Tribunal—
 - (a) on the ground that the decision was not within the powers of the OGA, or
 - (b) on the ground that the length of time given to comply with the notice is unreasonable.
- (2) On an appeal under this paragraph the Tribunal may—
 - (a) affirm, vary or quash the decision under appeal,
 - (b) remit the decision under appeal to the OGA for reconsideration with such directions (if any) as the Tribunal considers appropriate, or
 - (c) substitute its own decision for the decision under appeal.