



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ref	Issue	Parties	NSTA powers	Area of North Sea	Date opened	Status	Stage: Investigation/Draft Decision/Final Decision/ Withdrawn	Date closed [link to case decision document]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 Case decision document
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*	Third Party Infrastructure Access Dispute	Central North Sea	Dec 2018	Closed	Draft Decision, Application later withdrawn	12 February 2020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 Summary of Recommendation
2021-00111	Investigation into the non-compliance of licencing 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 Sanction Notice
2021-00119	Investigation into the loss or deferral of production	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	June 2021	Open	Investigation	
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 Sanction Notice
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 Sanction Notice

2021-00121	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	14 April 2022 Press release
2021-00120	Investigation into a possible breach of field production consents	Spirit Energy North Sea Limited	Sanction investigation	Southern North Sea	December 2021	Closed	Final Decision	25 November 2022 Sanction Notice
2021-00128	Investigation into a possible breach of a flare consent	EnQuest Heather Limited	Sanction investigation	Northern North Sea	December 2021	Closed	Final Decision	25 November 2022 Sanction Notice
2022-00125	Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence obligations	*	Sanction investigation	*	August 2022	Open	Investigation	
2022-00126	Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence obligations	*	Sanction investigation	*	August 2022	Open	Investigation	
2022-00123	Investigation into a possible failure to meet licence obligations	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	September 2022	Open	Investigation	
2022-00132	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	5 December 2023 Sanction Notice
2022-00133	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.	22 March 2023
2023-00135	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.	14 August 2023
2023-00136	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.	15 August 2023

2023-00134	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 to pursue the investigation as set out in the NSTA's Sanction Procedure.	28 February 2024
2023-00137	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	NEO Energy Production UK Limited	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	March 2023	Closed	Final Decision	10 April 2024 Sanction Notice
2023-00138	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	*	Sanction investigation	*	August 2023	Open	Investigation	
2023-00139	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	December 2023	Open	Investigation	
2023-00140	Investigation into a possible failure to have the appropriate consent to plug and abandon	*	Sanction investigation	*	December 2023	Open	Investigation	
2023-00141	Investigation into a possible breach of a vent consent	*	Sanction investigation	Central North Sea	December 2023	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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