

eWell changes pertaining to EPs and DOCDs

Recent updates to eWell have been made to improve the process of ensuring that APDs are in accordance with the associated approved EPs and DOCDs. In some circumstances, revised plans are now required in situations where they were not previously required. (Note that EPs and DOCDs which do not include the use of a subsea BOP or a surface BOP on a floating facility are not required to comply with the additional information requirements of NTL 2010-N06 or the December 13, 2010 guidance to operators.)

Following are descriptions of specific eWell changes pertaining to EPs and DOCDs:

Plan bottom lease, operator, and rig type must match

The operator submitting the permit must be the same operator that submitted the plan (because of oil spill, bonding, and other concerns).

When an operator selects a plan in eWell, the list will be limited to the available bottom plan well sites based on bottom lease and operator.

For each revised permit (RPD), we will require the operator to reselect the bottom plan if the plan well site attached to the original APD has been revised by the Plans section or if the operator changes the surface location on the RPD and it no longer matches the plan well **surface** location selected with the original APD. This is a well tracking issue from plan to permit.

The rig selected for the APD must be the same rig type approved for the plan.

Sidetracks to an existing well will require a plan to be selected

Sidetrack permits to re-enter an existing well will now require a plan to be selected. If a plan well was selected for the APD, the same plan well should be selected for the sidetrack. If no well was previously selected, or the APD was submitted by a different operator, then a revised plan will be required.

The surface must “match” the bottom plan selected

We will no longer allow an operator to use an old surface location plan to cover a new permit. When a plan is selected (based on bottom lease and operator), the surface location must match what was approved for that well in the plan selected within 100 feet (500 feet for water depths ≥ 400 m), and the bottom must be in the same lease.