

Frequently Asked Questions for EPs and DOCDs

Are Initial, Supplemental and Revised EPs and DOCDs separate plans?

No, there is only one EP and one DOCD for a lease, group of leases, or unit, which is comprised of all activities approved in each initial, revised, and supplemental plan submittal.

What information should be included in all plans and information requests to the Plans Section?

Form BOEM-0137, the OCS Plan Information Form, which includes the proposed well/structure location on the second page of the Form.

Why is the start date in the Activity Schedule on Form 0137 causing amendments?

Amendments to your plan may push the final action date on your plan past your proposed start date. If your tentative schedule is no longer feasible (i.e., the start date has already passed), you should adjust your activity schedule to account for this.

How are the dates in the Activity Schedule on Form 0137 linked to the air quality tables?

The activity schedule is directly linked to the air quality tables in regards to the time to drill and other activities on a yearly and cumulative basis. Therefore please ensure the duration of activities is consistent both in the activity schedule and air quality tables. If changes are made to the activity schedule, the air quality tables only need to be adjusted if 1) the total emissions for any year will exceed the current listed value for total emissions, 2) the length of the activity increases, or 3) 1 or more years are added.

What typographical errors are causing amendments?

Typographical errors are a major reason for amendments and are found throughout a plan. The errors are in the form of location of the activity, well and platform locations [N/S, E/W, X, Y, Lat, Long], lease, activity schedule, duration of activities, MD, TVD, and WCD volume.

What are the requirements for EPs and DOCDs pertaining to archaeology? The latest information on these requirements can be found here:

<http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/archaeological/introduction.html>

What information needs to be submitted in a revised plan?

Refer to NTL 2009-G27, provide all information requested for each section of the plan, and fill out the OCS Plans Information Form. If the information for a section of the plan was previously submitted, reference the plan where the information can be found. If the information you reference was in a plan submitted prior to 2007, it is recommended that you include this information in the revised plan to facilitate processing.

For plans that will use a subsea or surface BOP on a floating facility, provide the information required in NTL 2010-N06 and the December 13, 2010 Guidance. These plans will require preparation of an EA and require CZM concurrence.

When submitting a revised or supplemental plan, for which approved plans should I provide the status of activities?

Since there is only one EP and one DOCD, you should provide an update of the status of all activities approved under the various initial, revised, and supplemental submittals. This will allow BOEM to evaluate all of the activities that have been conducted or will be conducted in the future as part of the most recent submittal of your EP or DOCD.

Does a sidetrack into a previously penetrated formation require the submittal of a revised plan?

No, but provide the plan number for the previously penetrated formation and the information required by NTL 2010-N06 if you have not already done so.

When must I provide NTL 2010-N06 data?

You must provide NTL 2010-N06 data when you plan to drill a well. If the N06 data for your EP or DOCD has been previously verified by BOEM and the WCD volume for the new wells you propose to drill is less than the verified amount in your OSRP, you are not required to resubmit your N06 data. It is therefore recommended that you submit information on all wells you plan to drill and the N06 data for the WCD well in your initial plan.

What information should be included in the public and proprietary versions of NTL 2010-N06 data?

All information required by the NTL should be submitted in the proprietary version of your plan.

The public information version does not have to include the calculations and assumptions you used to determine your WCD volume, but should include the blowout scenario, relief well information, and other information.

What do I need to include in the Blowout Scenario?

Your blowout scenario needs to address the following issues

(j) Blowout Scenario
Estimated flow rate (barrels per day)
Maximum duration of blowout (days)
Total Volume (barrels)(flow rate X duration)
Discussion of potential for well to bridge over
Discussion of likelihood for surface intervention to stop blowout
Relief Well
Identified rig type capable of drilling relief well in the water depth at SL and to the TD of the original well (Should specify at least one rig by name and location if APD is submitted)
Rig package constraints (if none, a statement to that effect)
Estimated time to drill relief well, including:
Time to acquire a rig (days)
Time to move rig onsite (days)
Drilling time (days)
Statement whether the possibility of using a nearby platform was considered, if feasible
Other
Measures to enhance ability to prevent a blowout
Measures to reduce the likelihood of a blowout
Measures to enhance ability to conduct effective and early intervention in the event of a blowout
Arrangements for drilling relief wells
Any other measures

Note: The time to acquire a rig, to move a rig on site, and to drill a well should be itemized.

How do I reference the NTL 2010-N06 WCD calculation for an OSRP?

The N06 WCD calculations for your OSRP need to be submitted with your plan as per NTL 2010-N06 or referenced in your plan if previously submitted with another plan. Please put the calculations or a statement referencing the plan with which the N06 WCD calculation for the OSRP were submitted within in the oil spill section of the current EP/DOCD submittal.

Example:

If the calculations were submitted in a prior plan:

NTL 2010-N06 WCD calculations for the OSRP were submitted with plan S-1234.

What do I need to submit in the Oil Spill Comparison Chart for a DOCD that includes both drilling and producing?

When you will drill and produce a well from a platform (existing or proposed), include drilling and production WCD scenarios as shown below. (For drilling from a platform, include the storage and pipelines in your daily WCD volume).

Category	Drilling		Production	
	Regional OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD	Regional OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD
Type of Activity	Drilling	Drilling	>10 mile Production	>10 mile Production
Facility Location (Area/Block)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Facility Designation	Well No. 5	A Platform, Well No. 3	A Platform, Well No. 3.	A Platform, Well No. 3
Distance to Nearest Shoreline (miles)	95	100	100	100
Volume				
Storage tanks & flowlines (total)	N/A	1,400	1,400	1,400
Lease term pipelines (total)	N/A	57	57	57
Uncontrolled blowout	95,000	75,000	40,000	40,000
Total Volume (bbls)	95,000	76,457	41,457	41,457
Type of Oil(s) (crude, condensate, diesel)	Crude	Crude	Crude	Crude
API Gravity	29°	29°	29°	29°

(In the above example, even though the WCD scenario for the drilling phase doesn't supersede the scenario in the regional OSRP, the WCD scenario for the production phase has superseded the previous scenario in the OSRP, thus requiring a modification to the OSRP.)

When you will drill and produce a subsea well tied back to a platform, both the drilling and production WCD and spill scenarios are needed only if the platform was previously approved as a part of your DOCD (i.e., under another submittal/control number for the same lease or group of leases). If the host platform belongs to another operator or was approved under a separate DOCD, you need only include the WCD scenario for drilling. (For the same well, the WCD volume for the drilling phase will almost always exceed the WCD volume for the production phase, therefore, it's not necessary to present both.)

Category	Drilling	
	Regional OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD
Type of Activity	Drilling	Drilling
Facility Location (Area/Block)	XXX	XXX
Facility Designation	Well No 5	Subsea Well No 3.
Distance to Nearest Shoreline (miles)	95	100
Volume		
Storage tanks & flowlines (total)	N/A	0
Lease term pipelines (total)	N/A	0
Uncontrolled blowout	95,000	75,000
Total Volume (bbls)	95,000	75,000
Type of Oil(s) (crude, condensate, diesel)	Crude	Crude
API Gravity	29°	29°

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