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## **INSPECTIONS AND MONITORING OF AGL'S WAUKIVORY PILOT PROJECT AT GLOUCESTER**

The Waukivory Pilot Project involves the fracture stimulation of four existing pilot wells within Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 285 to the south of Gloucester.

The Office of Coal Seam Gas (OCSG) and the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will undertake regular inspections of the Waukivory Pilot Project before, during and after fracture stimulation activities.

Worker health and safety compliance and rehabilitation under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* and the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* is the responsibility of the OCSG.

The EPA is the lead regulator of the environmental and health impacts of coal seam gas activities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. The EPA has issued an Environment Protection Licence to AGL for its Gloucester operations.

AGL's Gloucester Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 285 and Fracture Stimulation Management Plan are publicly available on the Division of Resources and Energy website – see <http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/landholders-and-community/coal-seam-gas/gloucester-gas-project>.

The Environment Protection Licence is available on the EPA website – see <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/Detail.aspx?instid=20358&id=20358&option=licence&searchrange=licence&range=POEO%20licence&prp=no&status=Issued>.

### **Further detail**

The OCSG undertook a thorough safety and engineering inspection of the Waukivory site prior to fracture stimulation operations commencing. This included an inspection of safety and emergency management plans.

Inspections of each of the Waukivory wells will also be conducted by the OCSG during fracture stimulation operations.

EPA officers also conducted an inspection of the site prior to the commencement of hydraulic fracturing and will be onsite to check compliance with environmental requirements, including monitoring air, noise and water.

AGL's Environment Protection Licence contains site-specific conditions in order to safeguard the environment, including requirements relating to water, air and noise. Under the conditions of its Environment Protection Licence, AGL is required to make all monitoring data available on its website.

The OCSG will undertake inspections after the Waukivory Pilot Project has been completed to ensure that the sites are fully rehabilitated.

A full security bond for the cost of rehabilitating the sites is held by the OCSG.

To report pollution or raise concerns about environmental incidents, contact the EPA's **24-hour Environment Line on 131 555**.

To report an alleged breach of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* email: [compliance.environment@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance.environment@trade.nsw.gov.au)