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Subject: Response from NOPSEMA on your query on wells [SEC=OFFICIAL]
To: zavier evans [REDACTED]
Cc: Environmental Management (Shared Mailbox) [REDACTED]

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Dear Zavier

Thanks for your email and apologies for the delay in response.

NOPSEMA require wells to be abandoned in accordance with international standards, which negate the requirement for ongoing monitoring.

A very low seep of hydrocarbon gas has been reported to NOPSEMA for one of the Esso wells. NOPSEMA inspected the activity and has requested Esso to complete diagnostic work. Further flow rate and gas sampling work is ongoing and planned.

The potential for petroleum wells to leak is something NOPSEMA takes very seriously. Where we have the power to do so, we will require titleholders to consider all available remedial measures.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards

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From: zavier evans [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 11 November 2025 7:34 PM

To: Environmental Management (Shared Mailbox) [REDACTED]

Subject: a point of curiosity

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i love these emails because i get to do away with all grammar and email decorum.

heyo,

i'm a local from near barry's beach terminal, where esso is decommissioning it's oil rigs. naturally, i've been a big part of the community consultation sessions. one thing i was curious about, was what sort of monitoring programs are in place for plugged and abandoned wells. we know they have a pretty high chance at leaking, and it's pretty important given methane's high greenhouse effect, so surely there'd be some requirement, right? well, the answer i got from them was proudly that they don't do any monitoring, and that it's up to the regulatory body (i'm gonna assume that's you guys) to make sure there's no future leaks. they did sheepishly admit that one such leak has already occurred since 2020 in their decommissioning works in bass strait, which i'm sure has been reported through all the right channels, that also presumably exist.

so my question here, and i'm guessing the answer is going to be there are no legal requirements, or even precedents, but what monitoring programs for P&A offshore gas wells are there in place on your end?

is it all left up to conservation groups to go check, or unis that have some kid in marine management to go check on it?

what a headache.

big wheels keep on turnin',

zave evans

p.s. i do have the project lead recorded saying theres been a leak in their P&A campaign since 2020, if they're meant to report that and haven't, hit me up