
Getting to know OPRED

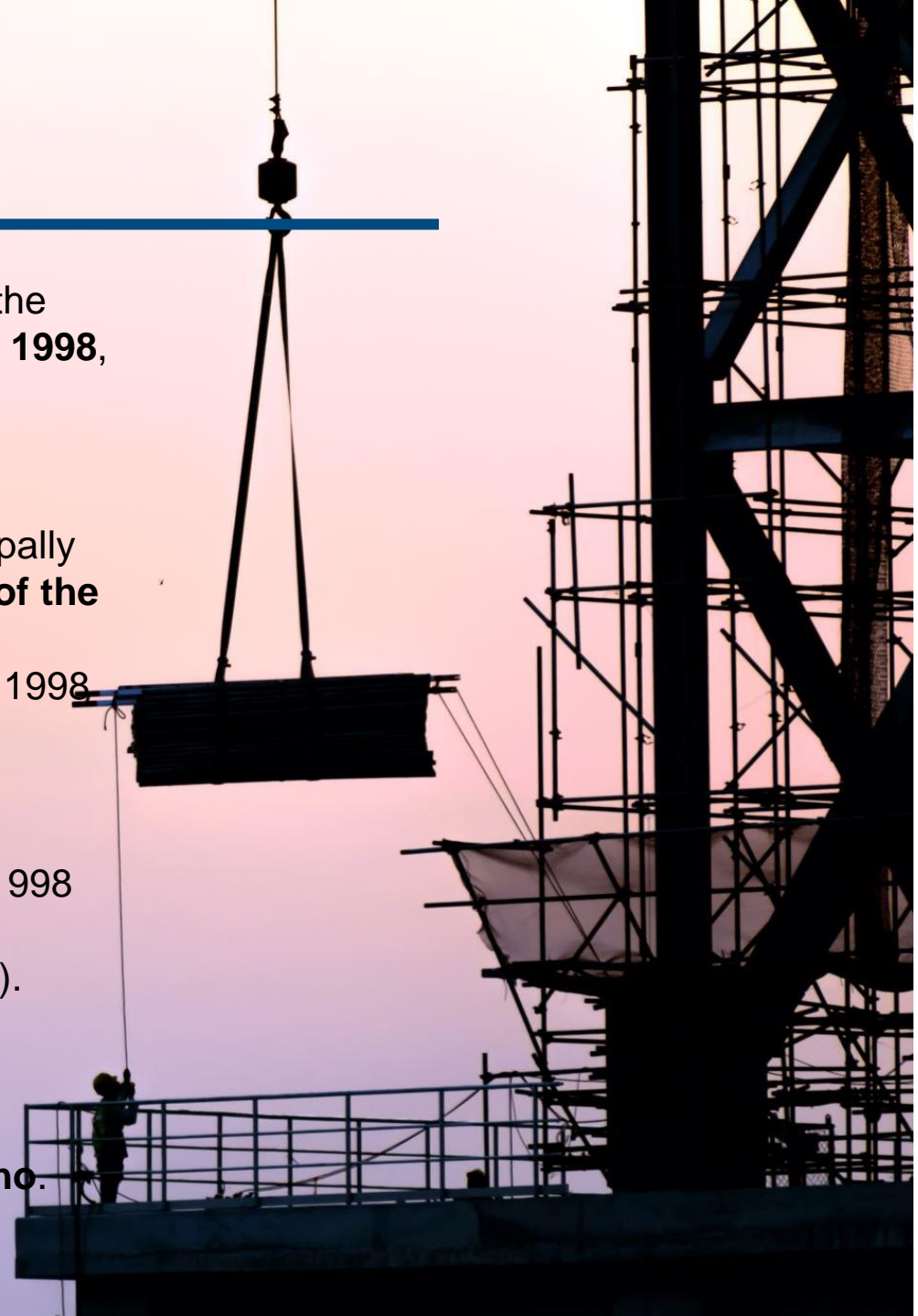
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Regulations, policy and OPRED

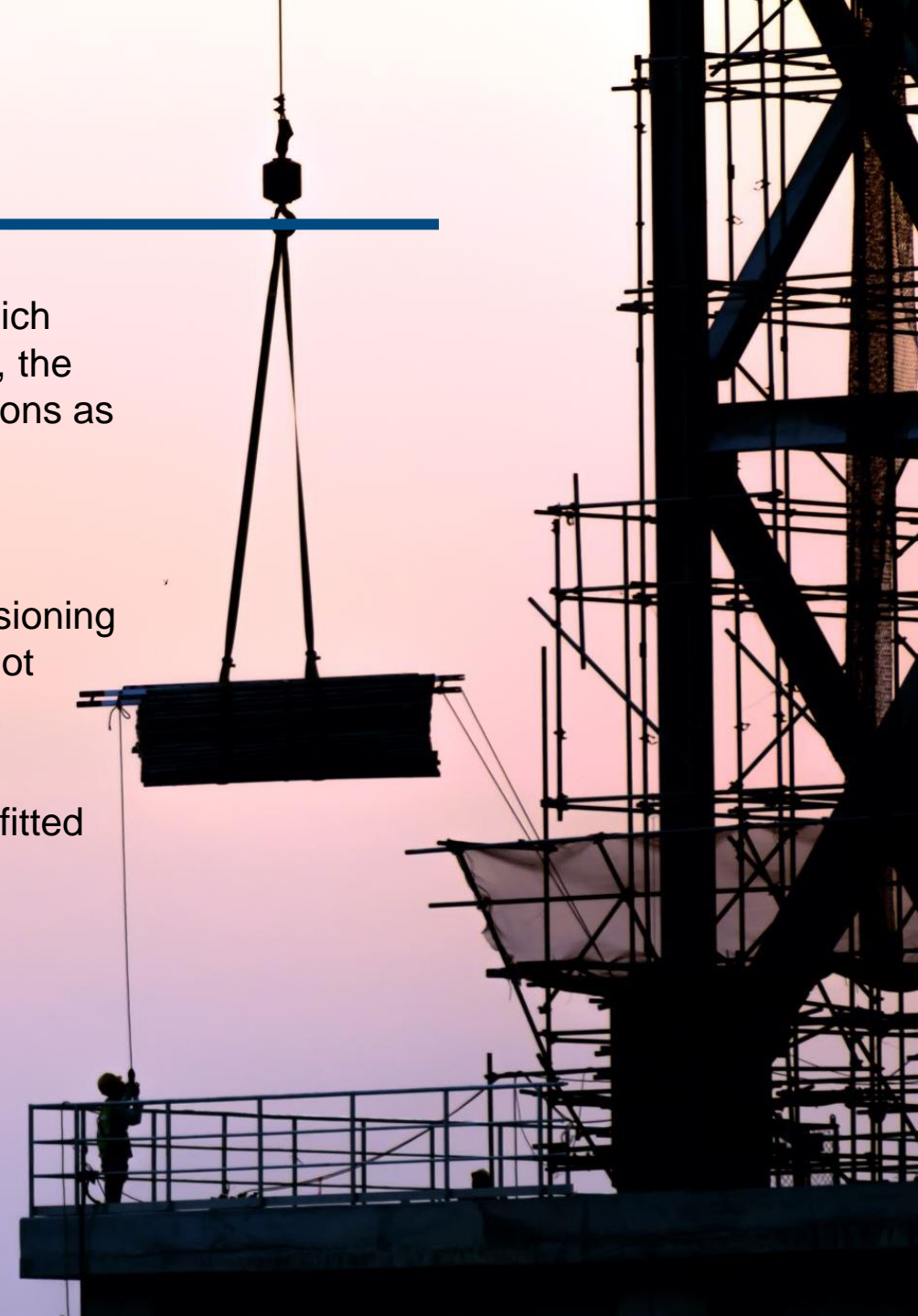
- The decommissioning of offshore oil and gas installations and pipelines in the United Kingdom Continental Shelf is controlled through the **Petroleum Act 1998**, as amended by subsequent Energy Bills.
- The UK's international obligations on decommissioning are governed principally by the 1992 **Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention)**. The agreement that outlines requirements for decommissioning of offshore installations followed in July 1998 at the meeting of the OSPAR Commission.
- The responsibility for ensuring that the requirements of the Petroleum Act 1998 and international obligations are complied with rests with the **Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (OPRED)**.
- OPRED sits within the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. Our **Minister is Graham Stuart** and our **Secretary of State is Clair Coutinho**.



Policy

OPRED seek to achieve effective and balanced decommissioning solutions, which are consistent with international obligations and have a proper regard for safety, the environment, other legitimate users of the sea, economic and social considerations as well as technical feasibility. Our policies and practices on decommissioning are underpinned by **two key principles**:

- A precautionary principle, that we translate into a policy that decommissioning **should aim to achieve a clear sea bed** (acknowledging that this will not always be achievable given the complexities involved).
- A **polluter pays principle** that means we expect those who have benefitted from exploitation or production hydrocarbons in the UKCS to bear the responsibility for decommissioning.



Decommissioning Activity

Approve and regulate decommissioning programmes for all UKCS oil and gas installations, pipelines and related well infrastructure.

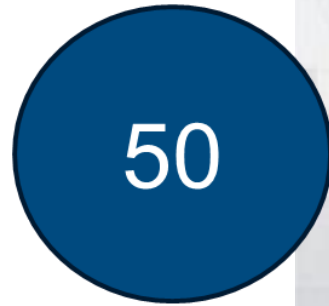
- Support Operators as they develop their decommissioning programmes
- Approve decommissioning programmes and monitor programme execution
- Manage post-decommissioning activity and monitoring

Decommissioning
Programmes
Approved



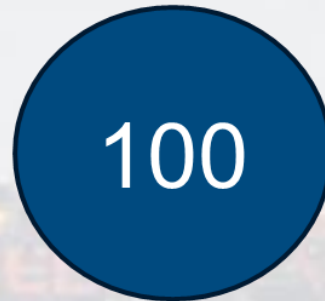
Last 5 years

Decommissioning
Programmes
being considered



Today

Decommissioning
Programmes
being executed



Today

Decommissioning
Programmes
expected



Next 5 years

Fields to COP



Next 15 years

Numbers are indicative based on best information to date

Priorities and key focus areas



Increase efficiency, consistency and timeliness

- Review OPREDs internal processes for decommissioning programme review and consultation
- Improved collaboration within OPRED
- Standardisation of process
- Updating our guidance notes
- Increase in efficiency, consistency and timeliness

Working with industry and international partners to unlock derogations and prepare for the future

- Engagement in OSPAR task groups and International bi-lateral meetings to fully understand international objections and concerns.
- Working with industry to increase our understanding of decommissioning barriers in the past, in the present and in the future.
- De-coupling where possible to enable decommissioning

Engaging with our partner regulators and industry to manage the now, learn lessons and plan for the future

- Increased collaboration and engagement
- Better planning, better communication
- Better regulation for industry



Thank you

