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Energy Security
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OPRED Priorities 2025

OEUK Decommissioning Conference

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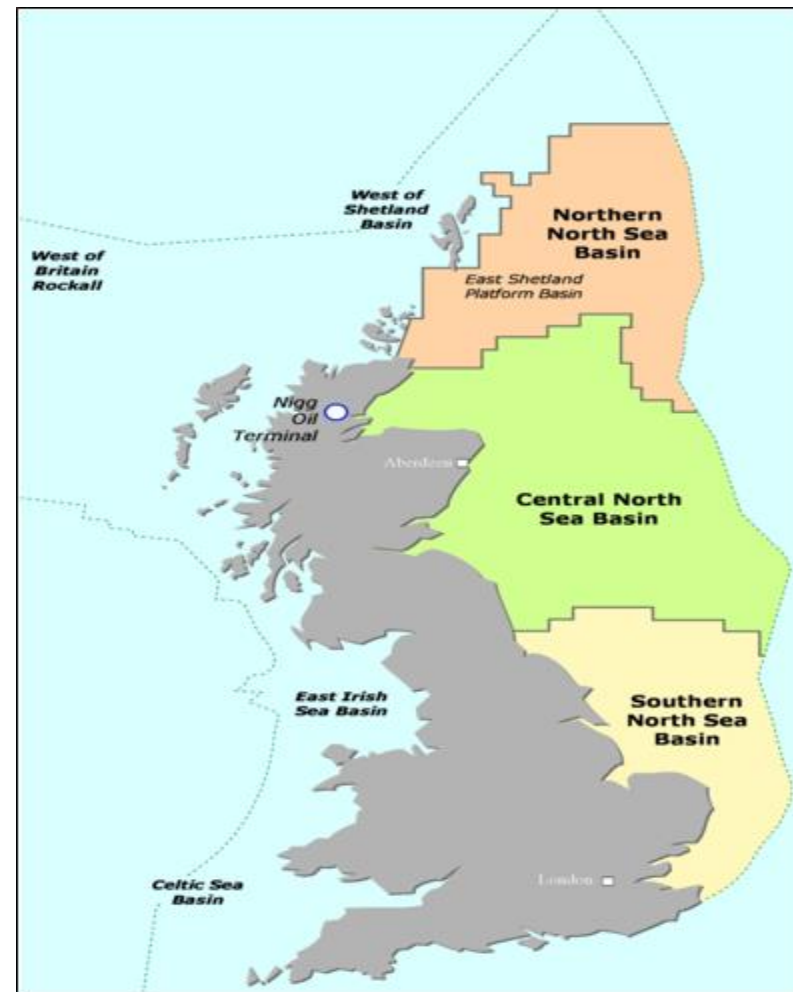
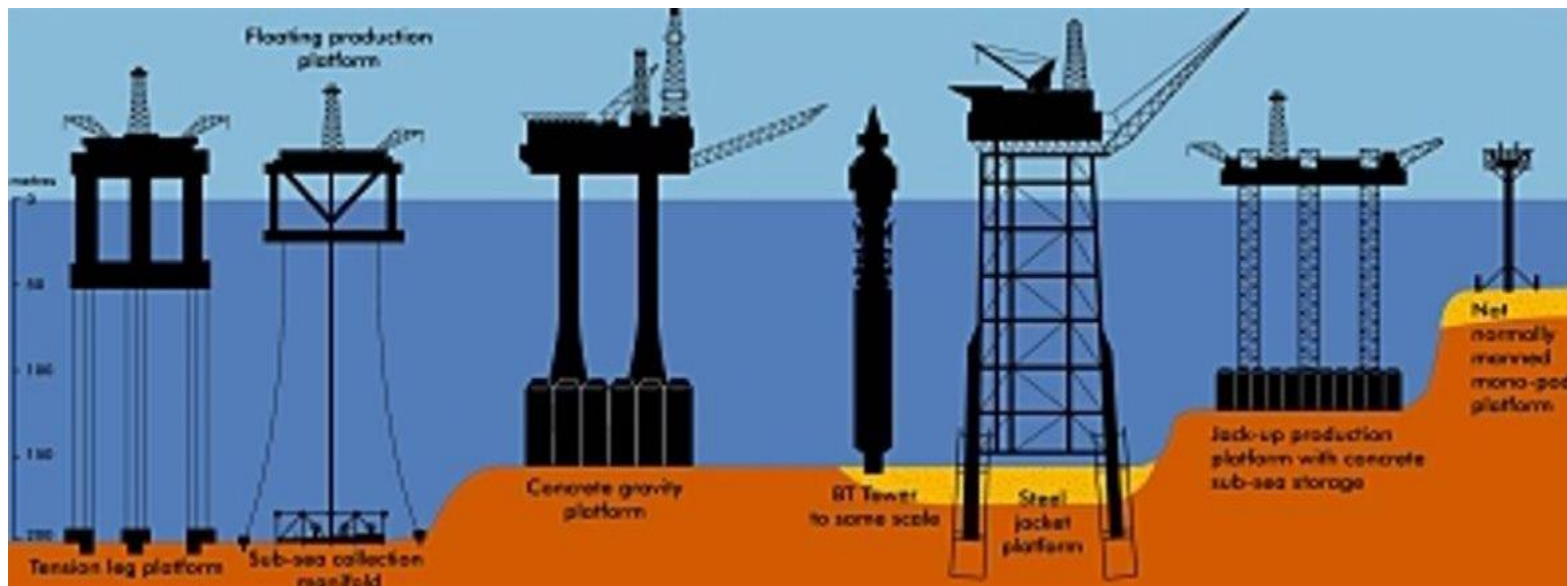
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning (OPRED)

Installations in UKCS

- 880+ fixed and subsea installations
- 282 approved for decom (32%)

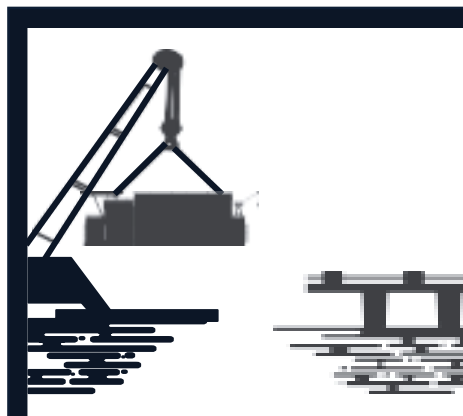
Pipelines in UKCS

- 3000+ pipelines (>35,000km)
- 4000+ km approved for decom (11%)





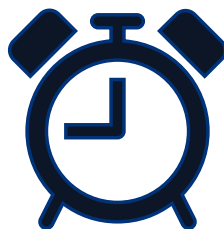
OPRED Decommissioning Objectives



Decommissioning solutions meet regulatory requirements and public expectations



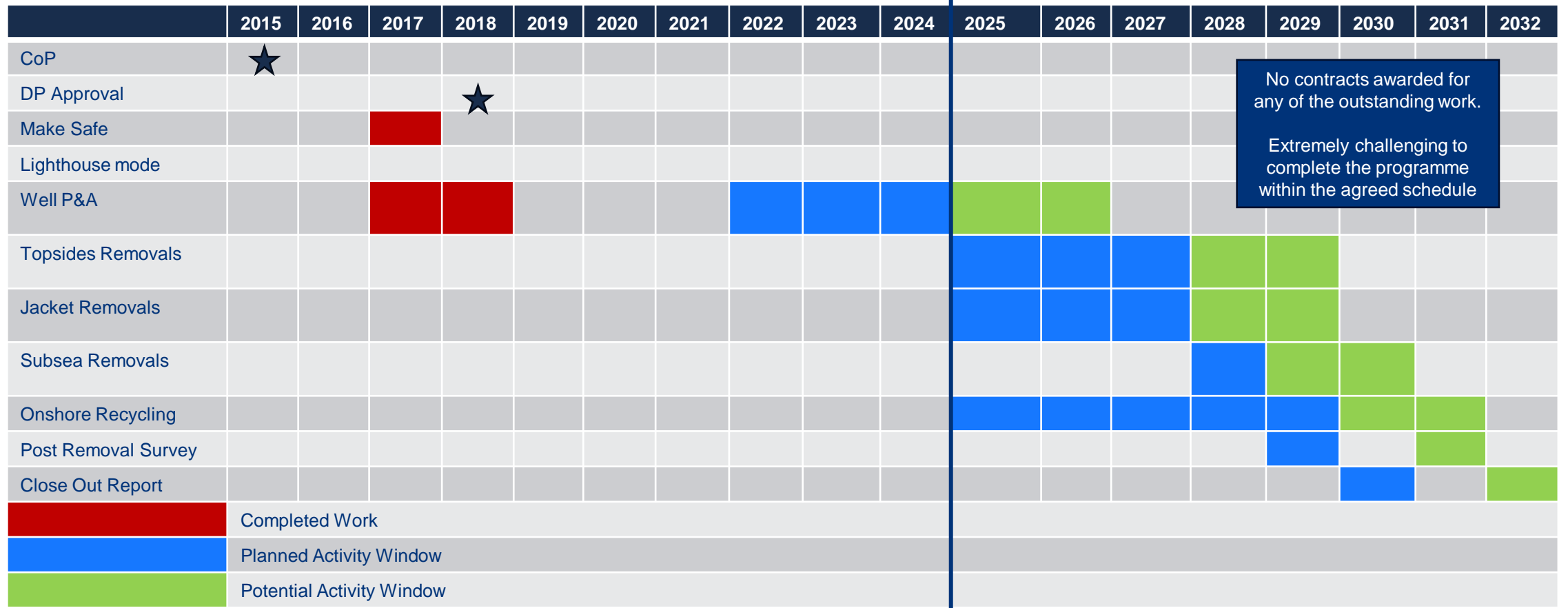
Protect the taxpayer from paying for the full cost of decommissioning



Efficient & Timely Decommissioning

OPRED Schedule Compliance & Enforcement

Example Schedule



No contracts awarded for any of the outstanding work.

Extremely challenging to complete the programme within the agreed schedule

As of today - 3 Years Behind Schedule



OPRED Derogation Challenge: 'Lifting the Pause'

- 4% infrastructure
- Significant time and resource
- Harmonised Comparative Assessment
- Decommissioning Technical Projects
- Backlog - Operator Engagement

Full Removal (to date)	
Platforms / Surface Installations	50
Subsea Installations	103
Derogations (to date)	
Heavy Steel Jackets	5
Concrete Gravity Bases	3



OPRED - Conclusions



**RESOURCE / FUNDING
CONSTRAINTS**



**INCREASED LITIGATION
& WORKLOAD**



**WORKING
COLLABORATIVELY
WITH INDUSTRY &
OTHER REGULATORS**



**ENSURE TIMELY
DECOMMISSIONING**



**LIFT PAUSE ON
DEROGATIONS**