North Sea Transition Authority

NSTA's Decom role and focus

An enabling regulator for the UKCS

Alastair Bisset, Head of Decommissioning, NSTA

24th November 2026

© NSTA 2022
This presentation is for illustrative purposes only. The NSTA makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding the quality, completeness or accuracy of the information contained herein. All and any such responsibility and liability is expressly disclaimed. The NSTA does not provide endorsements or investment recommendations.
The North Sea Transition Authority is the business name for the Oil & Gas Authority, a limited company registered in England and Wales with registered number 09666504 and VAT registered number 249433979. Our registered office is at 21 Bloomsbury Street, London, United Kingdom, WC1B 3HF.

Our role

North Sea Transition Authority

The NSTA regulates and influences the oil, gas, offshore hydrogen and carbon storage industries.
We work closely with government, industry and other regulators to achieve our three main objectives.



Emissions reduction

Low-carbon power generation
Flaring and venting
Technology and efficiencies

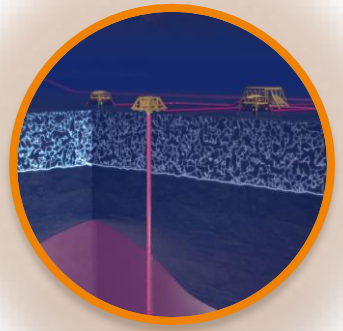
Capital
Licence to operate



Energy production and security

Economic recovery of oil and gas
Storage: Natural gas and H_2

Capital, skills
Infrastructure reuse, integration



Accelerating the energy transition

Carbon storage and hydrogen
Co-location and spatial
Cost-effective decommissioning
Digital and data

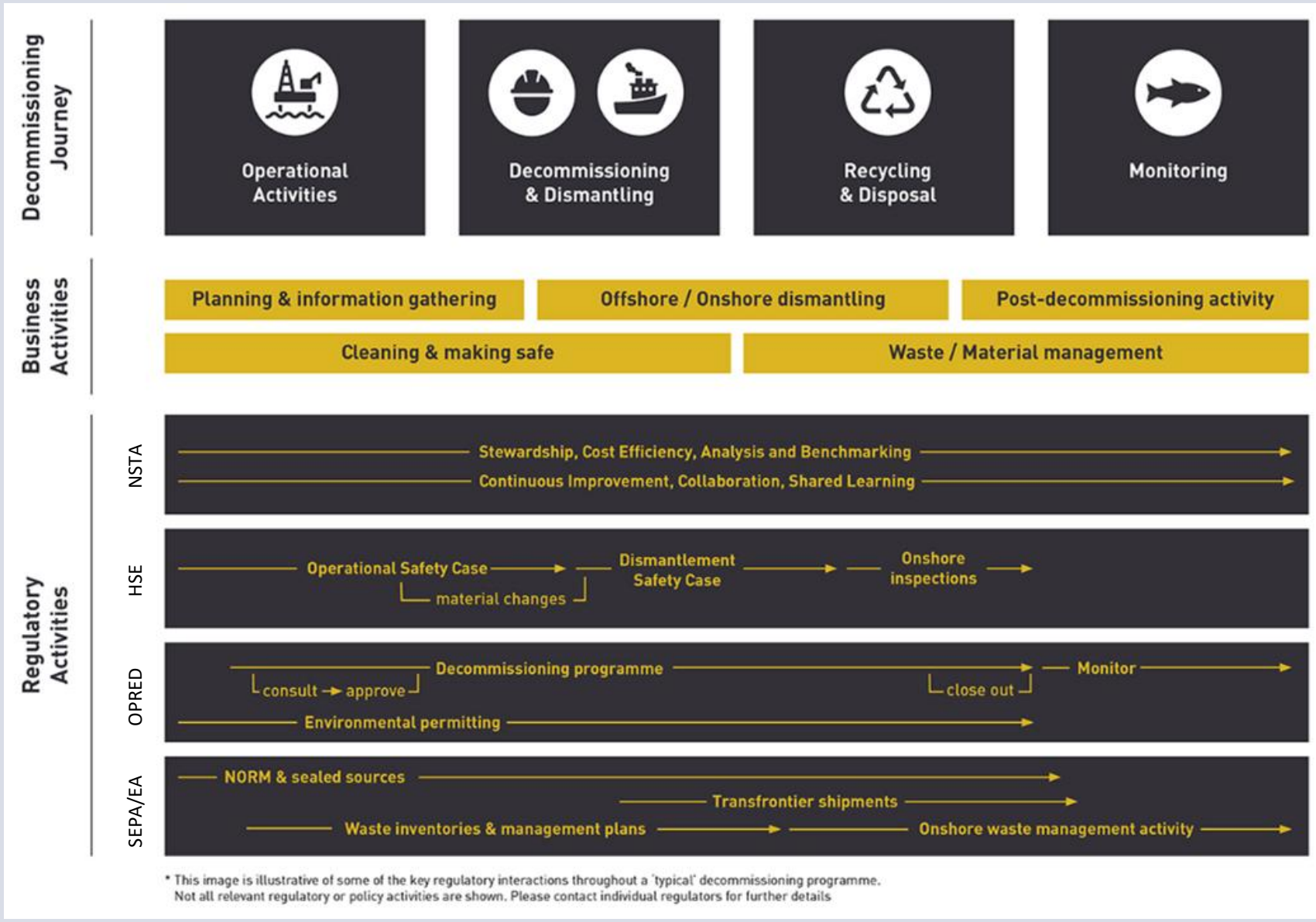
Integration, floating wind

Skills, supply chain

DESNZ sets UK energy ***policy***, including oil and gas, CCS, hydrogen, renewable energy, legislation

UK Regulators in Decommissioning

North Sea Transition Authority



* This image is illustrative of some of the key regulatory interactions throughout a 'typical' decommissioning programme. Not all relevant regulatory or policy activities are shown. Please contact individual regulators for further details

North Sea Transition Authority

Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning

HSE

sepa

Environment Agency

The view from here…

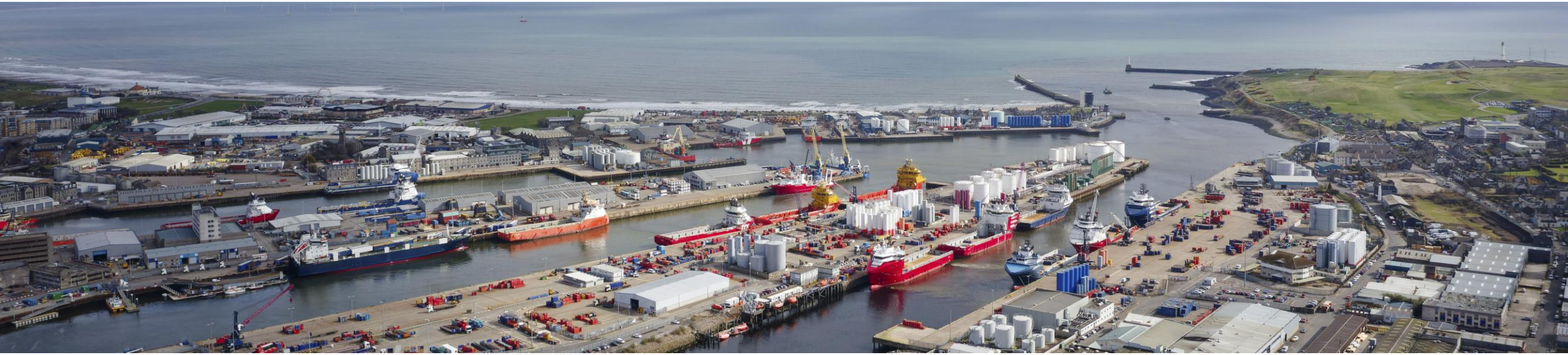
North Sea Transition Authority

From where we are…

- Influencing
- Regulating
- Informing

To where we're heading…

- **Visibility**
- **Collaboration**
- **Delivery**



Driving cost-effective decommissioning, in accordance with regulatory requirements

What's your view?

North Sea Transition Authority



North Sea Transition Authority

Thank you