Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Offshore Activities

Duration: 45 mins  Level: Entry  Pass mark: 80%

Course Description:

Who is the course for?

This eLearning course is aimed at individuals working in the UK offshore oil and gas industry who require an overview of the environmental impact assessment process.

Is previous experience required?

You do not need prior knowledge or experience to complete this course and it is assumed that you are competent in your designated role.

How will the course benefit me?

An environmental impact assessment (EIA) ensures that the potential impacts on the environment are fully appraised before a new project can go ahead. This course will give you a basic understanding of the requirements of an EIA and an overview of the process.

The knowledge gained in this course will help you to understand when an EIA is and is not required. It will also indicate the roles and responsibilities within the EIA process.
How will the course benefit my company?

By ensuring you are fully aware of the EIA process, you can help your company to comply with the legislation and requirements. A better understanding of environmental impacts and controls can help to reduce environmental incidents and contribute to operating responsibly.

What standards are referenced in the course?

This course is written with reference to the following UK legislation:

• The Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) or EIA Regulations 1999
• The Offshore Chemicals Regulations (OCR) 2002
• The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998
• The Offshore Petroleum Activities (Conservation of Habitats) Regulations 2001
• The Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 2007
• The Offshore Combustion Installations (Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2013
• Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012
• Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005
• The Petroleum Act 1988

Is there an assessment?

Once you have completed the course, you will be asked a series of questions to check your knowledge and understanding. These are based on the learning objectives for the course and have a pass mark of 80%.

Learning Objectives:

• Define the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process
• Explain the EU Directive on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Public and Private Projects on the Environment
• Explain the legislative controls for EIA for offshore projects
• Identify when an EIA is required
• Explain which projects require a mandatory Environmental Statement (ES)
• Explain which activities currently have no regulatory requirements to conduct an EIA
• Describe the EIA process
• Describe the consultations that should be undertaken during the EIA process
• Identify specific issues of concern
• Explain the timing for undertaking an EIA
• Describe the ES content and approval process
• Explain the requirements with regard to post-approval commitments
• Identify specific roles and responsibilities in the EIA process