Decommissioning BOK

What the OPRED public document set shows

A structured reading of 363 public UKCS decommissioning documents, built to show how real programmes are written, what they cite and where they drift apart.

What it holds

363 documents read: 203 decommissioning programmes, 70 environmental assessments, 55 comparative assessments and 35 close-out reports. 323 are approved versions, 37 are drafts or consultation versions and 3 are unclassified. Counts are of documents read, not of the UKCS.

What it is used for

- Seeing how a section, table or argument is normally structured before writing your own.
- Spotting where documents in a set tend to disagree: scope, option, cost basis, weather and vessel assumptions.
- Giving the Pre-Submission Consistency Review its public-record context.

What it has shown so far

- Of 13 close-out reports stating both an estimate and an outturn, **8 ran over budget** and 5 came in under. A sample, not a rate.
- At least **10** close-out reports cite weather or vessel availability as a cause of slippage.
- Costs are commonly withheld or given to OPRED in confidence, which limits public benchmarking.

Companion tool

A titles-only coverage register of the public folders: 207 programme folders and 400 files, listed 30 October 2026. Contents were not read for the register, so a blank means "not named in the title", not "absent".

Limits

- Extraction notes record contradictions inside documents, but their rate has not been audited, so none is quoted.
- Exemplar reports belong to their operators; the corpus is described here, not republished.
- Cost bases differ between documents, so cost comparisons are indicative.

> **Access.** Contents, counts and sample pages are public. The full BOK and database are shared with pilot clients or on request. Contact: jnscott@meginrao.com