Regulatory BOK

Regulatory layer for DP, CA and EA work · Version 2.1, 30 October 2026

A guidance-based layer recording what regulators and statute say about decommissioning programmes, comparative assessments and environmental appraisals, with the environmental and offshore safety rules around them.

Evidence base

78 sources registered; **73** downloaded and extracted; **70** distinct usable, plus one web page read directly. Four members-only sources (three OEUK, one Energy Institute) are listed but not downloaded. Classes: DP framework, CA and derogation, EA and EIA, environmental regimes, OSPAR, offshore safety (HSE and OMAR) and NSTA.

Rules it keeps

- **Evidence only.** Every statement cites a source ID and page, for example [DP-01 p.70].
- **Nothing inferred.** What a source does not say is listed as a gap.
- **Status tags.** F final, D draft, U unofficial, W web page, E single exemplar. A draft is never described as settled.
- **Conflicts stay visible.** Where two sources disagree, both are shown and neither is corrected.

A conflict, kept visible

Topic	Source A	Source B
Post-disposal report deadline	DP-01: within a year of completing disposal	OSPAR Decision 98/3: within six months. Confirm with OPRED.
Jacket cut depth	DP-01: aim 3 m below seabed (final)	OPRED web proposal: seabed level or shallow cut (draft, not settled)

Limits

- Built from guidance as read on 30 October 2026. The November 2018 Guidance Notes are still the listed document; the derogation methodology is draft.
- Exemplar findings rest on single reports and are indicative.
- Not covered: waste shipment detail, Marine Licence guidance, offshore wind and carbon storage decommissioning.

> **Access.** Structure, source classes and sample extracts are public. The full BOK is shared with pilot clients or on request. Contact: jnscott@meginrao.com