

2 INTRODUCTION

This document describes the monitoring undertaken to comply with the conditions of the Food and Environment Protection Act (FEPA) 1985: Part II (as amended) licence, reference 31579/05/0 (as amended), issued to NWP Offshore Ltd (NWPO) for the North Hoyle Offshore Wind Farm. This monitoring report updates the previous document dated February 2006 and encompasses the second year of operational monitoring (the fourth year of post consent monitoring). The current FEPA Licence wording is reproduced in Appendix 1.1.

Whilst data collection continues, agreement will additionally be needed on some aspects of data interpretation, particularly from the findings of external research work such as the COWRIE funded research. This should be the subject of two-way dialogue with the Licensing Authority or their agents.

3 BACKGROUND

The environmental monitoring undertaken to meet the conditions of the FEPA licence prescribes a 5 year period of monitoring: pre-construction baseline, 2002; construction, 2003 and post-construction/operation, 2004-2006.

Following the North Hoyle Environmental Statement, further monitoring work has been undertaken as follows:

- FEPA Baseline Monitoring Report (June 2003),
- Annual FEPA Monitoring Report (June 2005) for the construction period 2003-4, and
- Annual FEPA Monitoring Report (February 2006) for the post construction period 2004-5

NWPO Ltd are committed to providing a monitoring report annually such that it satisfies the requirements of the FEPA licence conditions.

This report constitutes the fourth of five envisaged annual FEPA reports produced in accordance with the FEPA Licence in order to present the results of monitoring until March 2007.