NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

PIPELINES AND PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2026

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Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Regulations 2026

I, David Robert Connolly, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Pipelines Act 1981*, the *Petroleum Act 1984* and the *Petroleum and Pipelines (Submerged Lands) Act 1981*.

Responsible Minister:

G. P. MALEY
Minister for Mining and Energy

D. R. CONNOLLY
Administrator

Date of making: 25 November 2026

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence immediately after the commencement of the *Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Act 2026*.

Part 2 Amendment of Energy Pipelines Regulations 2001

3 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Energy Pipelines Regulations 2001*.

4 Regulation 1 amended (Citation)

Regulation 1

omit

Energy

5 Regulations 4 to 6 replaced

Regulations 4 to 6

repeal, insert

4 Prescribed class of pipelines for which licence is not required

(1) For section 4(1)(ab) of the Act, each class of pipeline described in this regulation is prescribed.

(2) A pipeline that:

(a) is, or is to be, constructed on an exploration permit or retention licence area as defined in the *Petroleum Act 1984*; and

(b) is, or is to be, contained entirely within the exploration permit or retention licence area; and

(c) is, or is to be, under the control and responsibility of the holder of the exploration permit or retention licence for the area; and

(d) is, or is to be, part of an appraisal production infrastructure installation that is granted an approval under section 57AAA of the *Petroleum Act 1984* (the ***section 57AAA approval***); and

(e) is, or is to be, constructed, operated, maintained, managed and decommissioned under the section 57AAA approval; and

(f) is, or once constructed will be, used only for the purpose of transporting petroleum recovered on an appraisal basis under the section 57AAA approval or petroleum accepted into the interest area as approved by the Minister under the *Petroleum Act 1984*, to a transmission pipeline or other point of removal from the exploration permit area or retention licence area; and

(g) does not, or will not, exceed 500 metres in length; and

(h) does not, or will not, cross any public infrastructure (such as a road or railway) or a waterway as defined in the *Water Act 1992*; and

(i) is, or once constructed will be, compliant with any Australian or international standards applicable to the pipeline.

(3) A pipeline for the conveyance of hydrocarbons that has:

(a) a maximum allowable operating pressure of no more than 1050 kPa; and

(b) a hoop stress that is equal to or less than 20% of the specified maximum yield stress of the pipe.

5 Fit and proper person

(1) For section 4B(1)(b) of the Act, the following matters are prescribed:

(a) whether, in the Minister's opinion, the person is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;

(b) if the person is a body corporate – whether, in the Minister's opinion, each director of the body corporate is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;

(c) if the person is a member of a partnership – whether, in the Minister's opinion, each member of the partnership is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity.

(2) If the Minister has regard to the matters in section 4B(1)(a) of the Act in relation to a person that is a body corporate, the following additional matters are prescribed for section 4B(1)(b) of the Act:

(a) whether the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that a director of the body corporate:

(i) has contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to the regulation of pipelines or the physical or biological environment, including matters relating to pollution, biodiversity, natural resources, planning, development or waste; or

(ii) has contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to heritage, health or cultural matters, including matters relating to sacred sites; or

(iii) has contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to work health and safety; or

(iv) has contravened a law of the Territory under which a tax or royalty is payable to the Territory; or

(v) has committed an offence against any law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that involves an element of fraud or dishonesty; or

(vi) has behaved or is likely to behave in a way that is inconsistent with the person's duties as a licence holder or permit holder;

(b) whether the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that a director of the body corporate is or has been the director of another body corporate that has engaged in conduct of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a);

(c) if the body corporate is the subsidiary of another body or company (the ***parent company***) – whether the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that:

(i) the parent company or a director of the parent company has engaged in conduct of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(ii) a director of the parent company is or has been the director of another body corporate that has engaged in conduct of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a).

(3) Subregulation (2) does not apply in relation to conduct by a person to the extent that the Minister, having regard to the following matters, considers that the conduct should not be taken into account:

(a) the seriousness of the conduct;

(b) the length of time since the conduct occurred;

(c) any other matters that appear relevant to the Minister.

(4) For section 4B(1)(b) of the Act, the following additional matters are prescribed:

(a) whether the person, during the previous 3 years:

(i) was an undischarged bankrupt; or

(ii) applied to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or

(iii) compounded with the person's creditors or made an assignment of the person's remuneration for their benefit;

(b) whether the person is or was a director of a body corporate:

(i) that is the subject of a winding up order; or

(ii) for which a controller or administrator has been appointed during the previous 3 years;

(c) if the person is a body corporate – whether the body corporate:

(i) is the subject of a winding up order; or

(ii) has had a controller or administrator appointed during the previous 3 years;

(d) whether, in the Minister's opinion, the person has the financial capacity to comply with the person's obligations under the permit or licence;

(e) whether, in the Minister's opinion, actions or things authorised by the permit or licence will be carried out by a technically competent person.

(5) For sections 8(1A), 15(1A), 16A(2), 43(5B) and 46(8) of the Act:

(a) the *Environment Protection Act 2019*, the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* and the *Petroleum and Pipelines (Submerged Lands) Act 1981* are prescribed; and

(b) the period of 2 years is prescribed.

6 Regulation 7 amended (Licence fees)

Regulation 7(2) to (5)

omit

7 Regulation 8 amended (Prescribed manner for marking pipelines)

(1) Regulation 8, before 'For'

insert

(1)

(2) Regulation 8

omit

39(a)

insert

39(1)(a)

(3) Regulation 8

omit

AS 2885.1-1997

insert

AS 2885.1, as in force from time to time

(4) Regulation 8, at the end

insert

(2) If pipeline marking requirements under AS 2885.1 change, the pipeline licensee must ensure the route of the pipeline is marked in accordance with the new requirements within 12 months after the change.

8 Regulation 9A inserted

After regulation 9, in Part 2

insert

9A Prescribed requirements for supplementary instruments

For section 49(4)(c) of the Act, the following details are prescribed:

(a) the description and date of execution of the instrument (the ***primary instrument***) to which the supplementary instrument relates;

(b) details of the licence, including the number of the licence to which the primary instrument relates;

(c) the full name and business address of each party to the primary instrument;

(d) details of the effect or effects, upon registration, of the primary instrument;

(e) details of the interest or interests in the licence of all parties to the primary instrument:

(i) before the registration of the primary instrument; and

(ii) in the event of approval of the primary instrument – after the registration of the primary instrument.

9 Part 3 heading amended

Part 3, heading, after '**Consents**'

insert

related to pipelines

10 Regulation 15 replaced

Regulation 15

repeal, insert

15 Notices to be given after pipeline constructed

(1) The pipeline licensee must give the Minister the following as soon as practicable, but no later than 3 months, after the licensee completes construction of a pipeline:

(a) detailed drawings of the pipeline as constructed, indicating where the pipeline is located and the 25 m wide corridor referred to in section 66 of the Act in relation to the pipeline;

(b) evidence that the licensee has given each person whose operations on or interest in the corridor of land shown in the drawings may be affected by the nature of the restrictions placed on the use or occupation or any dealing with the land under section 66 of the Act notice of those restrictions.

(2) The drawings provided to the Minister must be in a form suitable for incorporation in a notice of statutory restriction registrable under section 35 of the *Land Title Act 2000*.

(3) If the drawings given by a licensee under subregulation (1) indicate that a part of the route of the pipeline is located under seawater, the Minister must provide a copy of the relevant drawings to the Surveyor-General and to the Australian Hydrographic Office.

(4) The Minister must, within 60 days after receiving the drawings under subregulation (1), lodge with the Registrar-General a memorandum under section 35 of the *Land Title Act 2000* in relation to the land referred to in subregulation (1)(a).

11 Regulation 15A inserted

Before regulation 16, in Part 3, Division 2

insert

15A Consent to operate

Consent to operate a pipeline is required under this Division:

(a) before operating the pipeline for the first time; and

(b) before recommencing operation of a pipeline following a cessation of operations, other than cessation for a reason mentioned in section 37 of the Act.

12 Regulation 18 amended (Application for consent to operate)

(1) Regulation 18(3)(a), at the end

insert

and

(2) Regulation 18(3)(c)

omit, insert

(c) if the pipeline licence to which the application relates requires that an insurance policy be taken out and maintained – information showing that the pipeline licensee is maintaining the insurance in accordance with the requirement; and

(d) evidence that the requirements of regulation 15(1) and (2) have been met in relation to the pipeline.

13 Regulation 19 amended (Deciding an application for consent to operate)

(1) Regulation 19(1)

omit

7 days

insert

28 days

(2) After regulation 19(1)

insert

(1A) The Minister must not grant the consent unless the Minister is satisfied that the requirements of regulation 15(1) and (2) have been met in relation to the pipeline.

(3) Regulation 19(3)(a), at the end

insert

and

(4) Regulation 19(3)(c)

omit

all words from 'if' to 'of insurance'

insert

if the pipeline licence to which the application relates requires that an insurance policy be taken out and maintained

14 Regulation 23 amended (Submission of pipeline management plan)

After regulation 23(3)

insert

(4) A pipeline management plan that relates to the modification or decommissioning stage for a pipeline must not be submitted before the licensee and the Minister have agreed on the scope of the validation for the proposal to carry out activities as part of that stage under the pipeline management plan.

15 Regulation 26 amended (Contents of pipeline management plan)

Regulation 26

omit

all words after 'a pipeline'

insert

must:

(a) include the matters mentioned in this Division; and

(b) comply with any guidelines issued under the Act in relation to the preparation of a pipeline management plan.

16 Regulation 28 amended (Description of pipeline)

(1) Regulation 28

omit

of:

insert

of the following:

(2) Regulation 28(d)

omit, insert

(ca) if the pipeline management plan relates to the modification of the pipeline – the matters agreed under regulation 23(4) relating to the modification of the pipeline;

(d) the compositions of regulated substances that are to be conveyed through the pipeline when it is operating;

(3) Regulation 28(e)

omit

pipeline.

insert

pipeline;

(4) After regulation 28(e)

insert

(f) if the pipeline management plan relates to the decommissioning of the pipeline – the matters agreed under regulation 23(4) relating to the decommissioning of the pipeline, including details of the state of the pipeline following decommissioning.

17 Regulation 29 amended (Description of pipeline management system)

(1) Regulation 29(a) and (b), at the end

insert

and

(2) Regulation 29(d)

omit

improved.

insert

improved; and

(3) After regulation 29(d)

insert

(e) the pipeline licensee's change management process that complies with AS 2885.

18 Regulation 33 amended (Revision because of change, or proposed change, of circumstances or operations)

(1) After regulation 33(3)(e)

insert

(ea) the licensee proposes to carry out activities in relation to the pipeline that are not satisfactorily addressed in the plan;

(2) Regulation 33(3)(f)

omit

energy-producing hydro-carbons

insert

regulated substances

19 Part 4, Division 5 inserted

After regulation 42

insert

Division 5 Exemptions

42A Applications for approvals

(1) A pipeline licensee may apply to the Minister for an approval to carry out particular operations:

(a) that are not covered by a pipeline management plan in force; or

(b) in a manner or in a way that is inconsistent with how the operations should be carried out under a pipeline management plan in force.

(2) An application must be in the approved form and include the following:

(a) a description of the operations;

(b) the reason or reasons for undertaking the operations;

(c) the outcome that is intended to be achieved by carrying out the operations;

(d) information that demonstrates that the operations have been considered and approved under the change management process outlined in the relevant pipeline management plan in force;

(e) information about how any risks associated with the operations have been identified and evaluated and how any risks are to be eliminated or controlled;

(f) any other information required by the form.

(3) A pipeline licensee must also provide the Minister with any other information requested by the Minister within the time specified in the request.

42B Approval of applications

(1) The Minister must not approve an application under this Division unless satisfied that:

(a) the pipeline licensee has followed the change management process outlined in the pipeline management plan in force; and

(b) any risks associated with the operations have been eliminated or reduced to as low as is reasonably practicable and that any risk that remains is acceptable; and

(c) the operations are expected to be a one-off occurrence or are the first time that the operations have been identified or considered; and

(d) it is not feasible or warranted to require a review of the pipeline management plan in force to incorporate or address the operations before they are undertaken.

(2) The Minister may on receipt of an application and any additional information provided by the pipeline licensee under this Part:

(a) approve the application; or

(b) if the Minister is not satisfied of the matters mentioned in subregulation (1) – refuse the application.

(3) The Minister must make a decision under subregulation (2) within 21 days from when the application was made together with any period the pipeline licensee takes to comply with any request under regulation 42A(3).

42C Conditions and periods of approvals

(1) An approval under this Division is subject to any conditions specified by the Minister on the approval.

(2) An approval under this Division is for a period determined by the Minister.

(3) The Minister may, on the application of the pipeline licensee, extend the period of an approval under this Division.

(4) If the Minister determines to refuse to grant an approval under this Division, the Minister must, as soon as practicable, give the applicant a notice of the determination stating the reasons for the determination.

20 Part 5 heading amended

Part 5, heading, after '**Incidents,**'

insert

notices,

21 Regulation 45A inserted

After regulation 45, in Part 5

insert

45A Information to be given in notice of entry to land

For section 58ZK(4)(b) and 58ZQ(3)(b) of the Act, a notice under section 58ZK(2)(b) or (3)(b) or 58ZQ(2)(b) of the Act regarding entry to land must include the following:

(a) a plan and description of the area of land;

(b) information about the purpose of the entry;

(c) a description of the works that have been or are to be carried out on the land;

(d) information about the following:

(i) the use of any vehicle (including aircraft) or equipment;

(ii) the location for the landing of any helicopter on the land;

(iii) the number of people involved, or expected to be involved;

(e) the time frame for the carrying out of works following the entry;

(f) the contact details of the person giving the notice.

22 Regulation 49 replaced

Regulation 49

repeal, insert

49 Notice of change in details

A permittee or licensee must give the Minister written notice about any of the following changes within 14 days after the change occurs:

(a) a change in the permittee's or licensee's name;

(b) a change in the permittee's or licensee's address or other contact details.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

23 Regulation 51 repealed (Service, delivery and lodgement of documents)

Regulation 51

repeal

24 Part 8 inserted

After regulation 53

insert

Part 8 Transitional matters for Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment Regulations 2026

54 Definitions

In this Part:

amending regulations means the *Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Regulations 2026.*

commencement means the commencement of Part 2 of the amending regulations.

55 Application of regulation 8

Despite the amendments to regulation 8 made by the amending regulations, regulation 8 as in force immediately before the commencement continues to apply in relation to a pipeline for a period of 12 months following the commencement.

56 Consents given prior to commencement

A consent to operate a pipeline under section 38 of the Act, as in force immediately before the commencement, that was given to a pipeline licensee before the commencement, is taken to be a consent given under Part 3, Division 2 of these Regulations, as in force after the commencement.

57 Application of regulation 19

Regulation 19(1), as in force before the commencement, continues to apply in relation to an application for consent to operate a pipeline that was made but not decided before the commencement.

58 Application of Part 4, Divisions 1 and 2

Part 4, Divisions 1 and 2, as in force before the commencement, continue to apply in relation to a pipeline management plan that was submitted to the Minister before the commencement if the Minister had not made a decision in relation to the plan before the commencement.

25 Schedule 1 repealed (Schedule 1)

Schedule 1

repeal

26 Schedule 2 amended (Prescribed fees)

(1) Schedule 2, items 4, 5 and 6

omit, insert

4.	Application under section 21A of Act to vary, suspend or waive conditions of pipeline licence	1 401

(2) Schedule 2, item 7

omit

46(9)

insert

46(12)

(3) Schedule 2, item 10

omit

54(1)

insert

54

27 Regulations further amended

Schedule 1 has effect.

Part 3 Amendment of petroleum legislation

Division 1 Petroleum Regulations 2020

28 Regulations amended

This Division amends the *Petroleum Regulations 2020*.

29 Regulation 5 replaced

Regulation 5

repeal, insert

5 Current datum

(1) For section 117AG of the Act, it is declared that the datum surface approximating the shape of the earth's surface defined by the reference frame designated under the *National Measurement (Recognized-Value Standard of Measurement of Position) Determination 2026* (Cth) is the current datum and replaces the previous datum.

Note for subregulation (1)

The reference frame designated under the National Measurement (Recognized-Value Standard of Measurement of Position) Determination 2026 (Cth) is Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020) at the Reference Epoch of 2020.0.

(2) In this regulation:

National Measurement (Recognized-Value Standard of Measurement of Position) Determination 2017 (Cth) means the standard of measurement of that name maintained by the Chief Metrologist under section 8(1) of the *National Measurement Act 1960* (Cth).

30 Schedule 1 amended (Fees and amounts for Act and Regulations)

Schedule 1, after entry for section 41

insert

section 42A	Application for division of retention licence	8 087
section 42B	Application for amalgamation of retention licence	8 087

Division 2 Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016

31 Regulations amended

This Division amends the *Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016*.

32 Regulation 14AB inserted

After regulation 14A

insert

14AB Division or amalgamation of retention licence

(1) If the Minister decides to divide a retention licence (an ***original retention licence***) under section 42A(4) of the Act, a current plan in effect in respect of the activities carried out under the original retention licence continues in force in respect of the activities to be carried out under each new retention licence granted under that subsection.

(2) If the Minister decides to amalgamate all or part of one or more retention licences (the ***original retention licences***) under section 42B(4) of the Act, the current plans in effect in respect of the activities carried out under the original retention licences continue in force in respect of the activities to be carried out under the new retention licence granted, or original retention licence reissued, under that subsection.

(3) Subregulations (1) and (2) do not prevent a revised plan being approved under Division 3 or an amalgamation of plans under Division 4A.

Division 3 Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Regulations 2001

33 Regulations repealed

The *Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Regulations 2001* (Subordinate Legislation No. 22, 2001) are repealed.

Part 4 Amendment of petroleum (submerged lands) legislation

Division 1 Amendment of Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Regulations 1987

34 Regulations amended

This Division amends the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Regulations 1987*.

35 Part 1 heading inserted

Before regulation 1

insert

Part 1 Preliminary matter

36 Regulation 1 amended (Citation)

Regulation 1, after '*Petroleum*'

insert

and Pipelines

37 Regulation 2 replaced

Regulation 2

repeal, insert

Part 2 Fees and instruments

38 Regulation 6 repealed (Amount of security)

Regulation 6

repeal

39 Regulation 12 replaced

Regulation 12

repeal, insert

Part 3 Other prescribed matters

12 Fit and proper person

(1) For section 18B(1)(b) of the Act, the following matters are prescribed:

(a) whether, in the Minister's opinion, the person is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;

(b) if the person is a body corporate – whether, in the Minister's opinion, each director of the body corporate is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;

(c) if the person is a member of a partnership – whether, in the Minister's opinion, each member of the partnership is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity.

(2) If the Minister has regard to the matters in section 18B(1)(a) of the Act in relation to a person that is a body corporate, the following additional matters are prescribed for section 18B(1)(b) of the Act:

(a) whether the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that a director of the body corporate:

(i) has contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to the regulation of petroleum exploration, production, processing or storage operations, pipelines or the physical or biological environment, including matters relating to pollution, biodiversity, natural resources, planning, development or waste; or

(ii) has contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to heritage, health or cultural matters, including matters relating to sacred sites; or

(iii) has contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to work health and safety; or

(iv) has contravened a law of the Territory under which a tax or royalty is payable to the Territory; or

(v) has committed an offence against any law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that involves an element of fraud or dishonesty; or

(vi) has behaved or is likely to behave in a way that is inconsistent with the person's duties as a registered holder;

(b) whether the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that a director of the body corporate is or has been the director of another body corporate that has engaged in conduct of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a);

(c) if the body corporate is the subsidiary of another body or company (the ***parent company***) – whether the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that:

(i) the parent company or a director of the parent company has engaged in conduct of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(ii) a director of the parent company is or has been the director of another body corporate that has engaged in conduct of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a).

(3) Subregulation (2) does not apply in relation to conduct by a person to the extent that the Minister, having regard to the following matters, considers that the conduct should not be taken into account:

(a) the seriousness of the conduct;

(b) the length of time since the conduct occurred;

(c) any other matters that appear relevant to the Minister.

(4) For section 18B(1)(b) of the Act, the following additional matters are prescribed:

(a) whether the person, during the previous 3 years:

(i) was an undischarged bankrupt; or

(ii) applied to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or

(iii) compounded with the person's creditors or made an assignment of the person's remuneration for their benefit;

(b) whether the person is or was a director of a body corporate:

(i) that is the subject of a winding up order; or

(ii) for which a controller or administrator has been appointed during the previous 3 years;

(c) if the person is a body corporate – whether the body corporate:

(i) is the subject of a winding up order; or

(ii) has had a controller or administrator appointed during the previous 3 years;

(d) whether, in the Minister's opinion, the person has the financial capacity to comply with the person's obligations under the permit, lease, licence, pipeline licence or special prospecting authority;

(e) whether, in the Minister's opinion, actions or things authorised by the permit, lease, licence, pipeline licence or special prospecting authority will be carried out by a technically competent person.

(5) For section 18B(3) of the Act:

(a) the *Environment Protection Act 2019*, the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* and the *Pipelines Act 1981* are prescribed; and

(b) the period of 2 years is prescribed.

13 Notice to be given after pipeline constructed

(1) As soon as practicable after construction of a pipeline has been completed, but no later than 3 months after a consent to operate the pipeline is granted, the pipeline licensee must give the Minister and the Australian Hydrographic Office notice of the exact route followed by the pipeline.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

(2) An offence against subregulation (1) is a regulatory offence.

(3) It is a defence to an offence against subregulation (1) if the defendant has a reasonable excuse.

Part 4 Datums

14 Current datum

(1) For section 150D of the Act, it is declared that the datum surface approximating the shape of the earth's surface defined by the reference frame designated under the *National Measurement (Recognized-Value Standard of Measurement of Position) Determination 2026* (Cth) is the current datum and replaces the previous datum.

Note for subregulation (1)

The reference frame designated under the National Measurement (Recognized-Value Standard of Measurement of Position) Determination 2026 (Cth) is Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020) at the Reference Epoch of 2020.0.

(2) In this regulation:

National Measurement (Recognized-Value Standard of Measurement of Position) Determination 2026 (Cth) means the standard of measurement of that name maintained by the Chief Metrologist under section 8(1) of the *National Measurement Act 1960* (Cth).

15 Variation of titles and other instruments

For section 150G of the Act, the Minister is authorised to issue an instrument referred to in that section for a purpose referred to in that section.

16 Variation of applications for titles

For section 150H of the Act, the Minister is authorised to issue an instrument varying an application for a title under the Act for the sole purpose of relabelling a point, line or area by reference to geographic co-ordinates based on the current datum.

17 Confirmation of datums

(1) An authorised person may:

(a) require a person who submits, or who has submitted, a document under the Act to confirm that information contained in the document is based on the current datum; and

(b) determine that no further step will be taken under the Act until that confirmation is provided.

(2) In this regulation:

authorised person means any of the following:

(a) the Minister;

(b) the CEO;

(c) an inspector;

(d) a person authorised by the Minister to act under this regulation.

Part 5 Application of laws

18 Application of *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023* (Cth)

(1) The following provisions of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023* (Cth), as in force on 10 January 2024 (the ***applied Commonwealth Regulations***), apply (with the necessary modifications) as if they were a law of the Territory:

(a) section 5;

(b) Part 4, other than sections 26(3) to (5) and 43(1)(e);

(c) Part 5, other than sections 47(3)(b), (c) and (d) and 48(3);

(d) Part 6, Division 1, other than section 55.

(2) For subregulation (1), the necessary modifications to the applied Commonwealth Regulations include the following:

(a) a reference to the Act is a reference to the *Petroleum and Pipelines (Submerged Lands) Act 1981*;

(b) a reference to a provision of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (Cth) is a reference to the corresponding provision of the Act, if any;

(c) a reference to a section of the *Criminal Code* is a reference to the corresponding provision in the Criminal Code (NT);

(d) a reference to a titleholder is a reference to a registered holder;

(e) a reference to an activity is a reference to operations and works carried out or to be carried out under a permit, lease, licence, pipeline licence, access authority or special prospecting authority;

(f) a reference to a title is a reference to a permit, lease, licence, pipeline licence, access authority or special prospecting authority;

(g) a reference to NOPSEMA is a reference to the CEO;

(h) a reference to a Greater Sunrise visiting inspector or a NOPSEMA inspector is a reference to an inspector;

(i) a reference to penalty units is a reference to penalty units under the *Penalty Units Act 2009*;

(j) a reference to the Commonwealth marine area is a reference to the adjacent area;

(k) a reference to Commonwealth land is a reference to the Territory, excluding the adjacent area.

(3) In addition, the following are necessary modifications:

(a) in section 30(7) of the applied Commonwealth Regulations, the words 'and the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2022*' are omitted;

(b) in section 43(1)(a)(ii) of the applied Commonwealth Regulations, a reference to a direction given by NOPSEMA is a reference to a direction given by the Minister under sections 101 or 107 of the Act;

(c) in section 43(1)(a)(iii) of the applied Commonwealth Regulations, a reference to a direction given by the responsible Commonwealth Minister is a reference to a direction given by an inspector under section 137W of the Act.

(4) Part IIAA of the Criminal Code applies to an offence against a regulation that applies in the Territory under subregulation (1).

Note for subregulation (4)

Part IIAA of the Criminal Code states the general principles of criminal responsibility, establishes general defences, and deals with burden of proof. It also defines, or elaborates on, certain concepts commonly used in the creation of offences.

19 Application of *Pipelines Regulations 2001*

(1) The following provisions of the *Pipelines Regulations 2001*, as in force from time to time, apply (with the necessary modifications) in relation to the construction and operation, and the carrying on of operations and the execution of works, in relation to a pipeline under the Act:

(a) regulations 2 and 3;

(b) Part 3, other than regulations 15, 18(3)(d) and 19(1A);

(c) Part 4;

(d) Part 5, other than regulation 45A;

(e) Part 6, Divisions 1 and 2.

(2) For subregulation (1), the necessary modifications to the provisions of the *Pipelines Regulations 2001* applied under subregulation (1) (the ***applied Regulations***) include the following:

(a) a reference to the Act is a reference to the *Petroleum and Pipelines (Submerged Lands) Act 1981*;

(b) an expression used in the applied Regulations that is defined in the Act has the same meaning as in the Act;

(c) in regulation 15A of the applied Regulations, the reference to section 37 of the *Pipelines Act* is a reference to section 74 of the Act;

(d) in regulation 26(b) of the applied Regulations, the reference to guidelines is a reference to guidelines issued under section 172 of the Act;

(e) in regulation 40(1)(a) of the applied Regulations, the reference to a direction given under section 58J, 58L or 58ZG of the *Pipelines Act 1981* is taken to be a reference to a direction given to a pipeline licensee under section 101 or 137W of the Act.

(3) In addition, the maximum penalty for an offence against any of the following applied Regulations is 100 penalty units and is a necessary modification for subregulation (1):

(a) regulation 10;

(b) regulation 14

(c) regulation 16;

(d) regulation 20;

(e) regulation 21(1);

(f) regulation 22(1) and (2).

Part 6 Transitional matters

Division 1 Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Regulations 2026

20 Definitions

In this Division:

amending regulations means the *Pipelines and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Industry Development) Regulations 2026.*

commencement means the commencement of regulation 39 of the amending regulations.

21 Pipeline management plans

A pipeline management plan in force immediately before the commencement under a regulation applied by regulation 5 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Application of Commonwealth Laws) 2004* is taken to be a pipeline management plan accepted under the *Pipelines Regulations 2001* as applied by regulation 19 of these Regulations.

22 Environment plans

(1) An environment plan in force immediately before the commencement under a regulation applied by regulation 5 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Application of Commonwealth Laws) 2004* is taken to be an environment plan accepted under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023* as applied by regulation 18 of these Regulations.

(2) Regulation 18, as inserted by regulation 39 of the amending regulations, does not apply in relation to a pipeline licensee for a period of 2 years commencing on the commencement if there was no environment plan in effect in respect of the pipeline under the licensee's pipeline licence immediately before the commencement.

40 Schedule 1 repealed

Schedule 1

repeal

41 Regulations further amended

Schedule 2 has effect.

Division 2 Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Application of Commonwealth Laws) Regulations 2004

42 Regulations repealed

The *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Application of Commonwealth Laws) Regulations 2004* (Subordinate Legislation No. 41, 2004) are repealed.

Part 5 Repeal

43 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.

Schedule 1 Energy Pipelines Regulations 2001 further amended

regulation 27

Provision	Amendment	
	omit	*insert*
regulation 2(1), definition ***Pipeline***	whole definition	
regulation 2(1), definition ***reportable incident***, paragraph (a)	energy-producing hydro-carbons	regulated substances
regulation 2(1), definition ***significant pipeline accident event***, paragraph (b)	hydrocarbon releases	the release of one or more regulated substances
regulations 10, 14, 16 and 20(1), penalty provisions	whole penalty provision	Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.
regulation 21, heading	**energy-producing hydro-carbons**	**regulated substances**
regulation 21	energy-producing hydro-carbons	regulated substances
regulations 21 and 22(1) and (2), penalty provisions	whole penalty provision	Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.
regulations 22(2)(a) and (b) and 27	decommission	decommissioning
regulation 40(1)(a)	section 40	section 58J, 58L or 58ZG
regulation 43(1)	whole penalty provision	Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.
regulation 43(4)(a)(iii)	energy-producing hydro-carbons (*all references*)	regulated substances

Provision	Amendment	
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regulations 44, 45 and 46, penalty provisions	whole penalty provision	Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

Schedule 2 Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Regulations 1987 further amended

regulation 41

Provision	Amendment	
	omit	*insert*
regulation 3	Column 1 of Schedule 2	the Schedule, Column 1
regulation 5(2)	$5.75	6 revenue units
regulation 8(a)	$1 500	1 007 revenue units
regulation 8(b)	$84	57 revenue units
regulation 9	$12 075	8 104 revenue units
regulation 10	$18 000	12 081 revenue units
regulation 11	$120	81 revenue units
Schedule 2, heading	**2**	