

Your Ref: EEZ100019

12 June 2020

SENT BY EMAIL

Ms Sandra Balcombe

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Dear Ms Balcombe,

Subject: Request for advice under section 56 of the EEZ Act regarding a notified marine discharge consent application by Beach Energy Resources NZ (Holdings) Ltd – EEZ100019 (Canterbury Basin)

In response to your request for advice dated 08 June 2020, WorkSafe New Zealand submit the following;

1. In relation to Beach Energy Resources NZ (Holdings) Limited (Beach Energy) exploration and appraisal drilling programme in the Canterbury Basin within the petroleum mining permit PEP38264, the overarching health and safety legislation administered by WorkSafe is the New Zealand Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and regulations made under this Act. In addition to the Act all offshore exploration and extraction activities are administered in conjunction with, but not limited to, the Health and Safety at Work (Petroleum Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 2016, (*the regulations*) which deal with the health and safety of people involved in operating installations for petroleum exploration and extraction, for example including the management of risks associated with discharge activities to workers on the installation (MODU).
2. WorkSafe conducts its regulatory functions on offshore installations when a installation is in a fixed in position. All offshore petroleum exploration and extraction production installation or non-production installations brought into New Zealand waters, within the 200 nautical mile limit, are required to adhere to the legislative requirements set out in the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and in the under pinning regulations.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely



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