

MEMBER COUNTRY PROFILE – NEW ZEALAND

Country:	New Zealand
Organisation:	WorkSafe New Zealand
Regime Scope:	Health & Safety. Health and Safety regime applies onshore and offshore with specific regulations for the petroleum industry.
Administering Agency /Arrangements:	WorkSafe is New Zealand's workplace health and safety regulator. www.worksafe.govt.nz
Legislation Type:	National Health and Safety Act plus Exploration and Extraction Regulations.
Extent Of Government Approval:	Safety case approval is required before operating.
Nature Of Duties Imposed:	General duty to take all practicable steps to ensure safety at work. Primarily goal setting legislation. There are also some prescriptive requirements with respect to offshore installations.
Physical Objects In The Regime:	Currently 5 fixed offshore installations which include 2 FPSOs and sets of sub sea wellheads. The New Zealand government is actively encouraging further exploration.
Assurance Mechanisms:	Government inspectorate. Installations are also required to have a Certificate of Fitness from a Certifying Authority, or an employer may seek approval to operate a Verification Scheme.
Financial Basis:	Fully government funded. There is partial cost recovery from industry in the form of safety case assessment fees.
Environmental Regulation Responsibilities:	WorkSafe's role with regard to protecting the natural environment is directed primarily at prevention. The general duties under the health and safety legislation to maintain well integrity contribute to the avoidance, of environmental harm.
Oil Spill Response:	Issues related to oil spill response is the responsibility of Maritime New Zealand. www.maritimenz.govt.nz . This is supplemented by Regional Councils when the spill reaches the New Zealand Coastline for the operational side of such clean-ups. WorkSafe will monitor and assist at the source of the spill as required by the New Zealand Health Safety and Employments act 1995 and the Petroleum Exploration and extraction regulations 2013.

Transparency: The Crown minerals website is the best source of information available in New Zealand with an overview of exploration and regulations:
www.crownminerals.govt.nz/cms/petroleum

Research NONE

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