

Overview of conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas – April 2019

This is a summary overview of developments in the conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas, it includes planning, operations and business activities as well as objections and protests.

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East Midlands

[Protestors](#) delayed drilling equipment being transported to Rathlin Energy's West Newton-A site. A [lock-in](#) protest delayed deliveries for a second day and operations were temporarily suspended before eventually [spudding](#) the well on 26 April 2019.

A member of the public [reported](#) a breach of health and safety regulations at West Newton-A to the Health and Safety Executive.

Nottinghamshire councillors [approve](#) plans by Infinis to extract methane from a disused colliery.

The [public enquiry](#) into Egdon Resource's plans for long term oil production at Wressle will begin on 5 November 2019.

South East

Angus Energy [posted](#) details of their planned operations to identify a water zone at Brockham. The OGA [issued](#) formal consent for completion works at Brockham. The [work started](#) early than expected on 9 April.

Protestors [question](#) the Environmental Agency over the decommissioning of the Markwell Wood site operated by UK Oil & Gas (UKOG).

BBC Surrey [report](#) on the series of earthquakes that have occurred in Surrey and Sussex.

Europa Oil and Gas and Union Jack Oil [sell](#) their stakes in the PEDL143 licence (Holmwood) to UKOG.

Angus Energy [announce](#) that they have completed the acquisition of Doriemus PLC's 20% interest in the Lidsey licence.

Angus Energy [announce](#) that they had raised £3 million through a placing of over 70 million shares to support work at Brockham, Balcombe and Lidsey.

Other news

Drill and Drop [report](#) on a parliamentary meeting hearing evidence on fracking induced seismic activity.

Union Jack Oil PLC [announce](#) that they have applied to admit 2,300 million new ordinary shares to the AIM market, trading to begin on 9 April 2019.

Parliament's pension fund trustees are to [reconsider](#) their investment rules to take account of the risk of climate change.

Egdon Resources PLC [announced](#) their unaudited results for the six months ending 31 January 2019.

Ineos [asked](#) the OGA for the current limit to seismic activity associated with fracking to be relaxed, claiming that the industry “[is being stopped from moving forward](#)”.

Geraint Davies MP [calls](#) for action against fracking by limiting methane leakage from wells and [asks](#) the Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, Chris Skidmore MP about reducing methane leakages as a result of fracking.

[BBC report](#) on the Extinction Rebellion protests in London and other cities.

Drill and Drop [report](#) on the [OGA](#) figures showing that onshore UK oil production fell to a seven year low in 2018.

Mark Carney, governor of the Bank of England and other heads of central banks write in the [Guardian](#) about the role of the financial sector in combatting climate change and the publication of the first [report](#) by the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) on climate change and financial risk.

Claire Perry MP, the Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth made an oral [statement](#) to the House of Commons on the climate change protests.

The Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) [publish](#) their five year corporate plan for 2019 – 2024.

Former energy secretary Ed Davey MP has [said](#) that fracking should be banned.

[Natascha Engel](#), the UK government’s “fracking tsar” resigns after six months claiming that policy makes developing the industry “an impossible task”.