

Overview of conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas – August 2019

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

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East Midlands

Two campaigners who were arrested while [protesting](#) outside Egdon Resources' Biscathorpe site in Lincolnshire were found not guilty.

A [protestor](#) at Rathlin Energy's West Newton site was remanded in custody at Hull Magistrates Court, the trial is to be in September. The Environmental Agency (EA) has [approved](#) variations to the West Newton site's environmental permit, including acid wash and squeeze, cold venting of gas and handling of crude oil on site. The AIM-listed investment company Reabold Resources [announced](#) that it has increased its investment in Rathlin Energy (UK) Ltd. [Well testing](#) started at the West Newton well site, local residents complained of smells. Well test operations at West Newton were suspended pending analysis of the data acquired, [initial evaluation](#) identified a gross oil column of approximately 45m underlying a gross gas column of approximately 20m.

Third Energy [told](#) the Kirby Misperton community liaison group that they intend to concentrate on their conventional gas sites

South East

UK Oil & Gas plc (UKOG) [announced](#) that the Phase 2 Kimmeridge test at Horse Hill has produced a further 5,524 barrels (bbl) of dry Brent quality oil. UKOG [announced](#) that they have signed a deal to acquire the entire share capital of Magellan Petroleum, who currently have 35% of the Horse Hill licences PEDL137 and PEDL246.

UKOG have [applied](#) for permission to build a road junction on common land at Dunsfold, Surrey.

UKOG [announced](#) that the Oil & Gas Authority, had extended the exploration terms for two licences in Surrey and the Isle of Wight

Other news

The UK government's chief environmental scientist, Professor Sir Ian Boyd [warns](#) that people must use less transport, eat less red meat and buy fewer clothes if the UK is to virtually halt greenhouse emissions by 2050.

A 2.9ML earth tremor was [recorded](#) in Lancashire, and is thought to be associated with hydraulic fracturing operations at Cuadrilla's Preston New Road site.