

Modification Notice - Regulation 22

If the modification to the regulated activity has already occurred, a regulation 22 modification notice is not applicable.

Interest Holder	Central Petroleum	EMP Title	Mereenie Development Field EMP	Unique EMP ID No.	CTP6-4	Mod No.		Date	23 July 2025
Brief Description	<p>This modification to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is required to incorporate for the burning of vegetation and wood at the Mereenie Field. These burns are to be conducted in a designated burning pit and are for vegetative debris and wood that accumulates around the Mereenie field infrastructure (note: this is not for prescribed burning of bushland areas). Burns would be conducted approximately every six months and are necessary to reduce fuel loads around buildings, thereby mitigating the risk of wildfires that could result in the loss of life or property.</p> <p>Historically this practice was undertaken successfully every six months to manage fuel load for vegetation and wood, however following the introduction of the 2023 Mereenie Field EMP all burning was ceased. Burns would be restricted to a designated, extensively cleared burn zone (see Attachment 1 and 2 for map and photos) and are only undertaken when fire bans are not in place, during suitable weather conditions and in accordance with a valid Permit to Burn issued by Bushfires NT.</p> <p>All burns will be managed under the EMP's Bushfire Management Plan aligned with relevant legislation and guidelines. A fire truck including water supply will be stationed onsite with an operator to watch the fire for the duration of the burn to ensure safety and immediate response capability.</p> <p>The Mereenie Field is located outside a designated fire protection zone, though permits are still required and there are restrictions during periods of heightened fire danger. Importantly, the operator's incident management records confirm no previous occurrences of uncontrolled fires resulting from operational activities.</p> <p>For fuel reduction in land management around Mereenie, it states in the EMP that prescribed burns are not the preferred method of fuel load reduction at an oil and gas site, however this regulation 22 is for vegetative debris causing a fuel load risk around buildings and not reducing fuel load in bushland areas.</p>								
Geospatial Files Included?	No								



Does the proposed change result in a new, or increased, potential or actual environmental impact or risk?	If an INCREASE in an existing potential or actual environmental impact or risk, is the increase provided for in the approved EMP?	Does the proposed change require additional mitigation measures to ensure it is managed to ALARP and acceptable levels?	Has additional stakeholder engagement been conducted?	Does the proposed change require additional environmental performance standards or measurement criteria?	Does the proposed change affect compliance with Sacred Site Authority Certificates?	Does the proposed change affect any sub-plans to the EMP?	Will the environmental outcome continue to be achieved?
<i>Attach supporting information to support all answers to the above questions</i>							
No, reduces the environmental risk of wildlife by burning excess fuel load	N/A	Yes, Bushfire Management measures have been proposed below to ensure environmental risks are reduced to a level that is ALARP and Acceptable.	No stakeholder engagement has been conducted	No changes to the environmental performance standards of measurement criteria are required.	No, these changes do not affect compliance with Sacred Site Authority Certificates.	Yes, changes to the Bushfire Management Plan are required and are detailed below.	Yes

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		<p>for Southern NT). Obtain permit from Bushfires NT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fire truck must be on standby with an operator to watch the fire for the duration of the burn • Conduct bushfire related risk assessment before burning of vegetation and wood and on each day during a burning event. • Sufficient water to be available on site to enable Central Petroleum to provide an initial response to an accidental fire. • Assess fire fuel load and local site conditions (eg current weather, seasonal rainfall, fuel load, grazing, high fuel exotic grasses (eg buffel) at nominated burn pit for EMP activities and remove fire fuel load if bushfire risk exists. • Place stockpiles away from ignition sources and in low profile mounds. • Train onsite personnel in use of fire control equipment. • Prior to commencing burning of vegetation and wood, obtain information on current fire danger, presence of fire in the area and current weather
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			condition from the North Australia & Rangelands Fire Information (NAFI) and bureau of meteorology websites.
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Submit this notice and supporting information to Onshoregas.DLPE@nt.gov.au

Attachment 1 - Map of Burn Pit



Attachment 2 - Photos of Burn Pit



