

The Crown Estate Disclosure Log

Case no: 1084

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Subject: Health and Safety Incident Data Offshore Wind Farm Operators

Request response

Thank you for your information request on the number of offshore wind farm operators submitting health and safety incident data to The Crown Estate. We have considered your request in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our current lease requirement, which we introduced from 2014, is for offshore wind farm operators to report non-fatal RIDDOR and serious incidents as and when they occur and annually self-certify their compliance with health and safety regulations and legal obligations. The annual self-certification requirement is confirmation of the wind farm's compliance with the Health and Safety requirements, specifically all applicable health and safety obligations deriving from Legal Obligations and an overview of the numbers of incidents (non-fatal RIDDOR and Serious Incidents) occurring within a specified year.

It should however be noted that not all our tenants/developers are obliged to comply with these obligations under their lease, particularly older leases (those issued prior to 2013). Therefore the information below relates to leases complying with self-certification process (58% have these requirements in their lease) and is the total number per lease of non-fatal RIDDOR and serious incidents reported to us. The data is provided is from the start of 2015, when self-certification became applicable under their leases, to 2019 (year to date – up to May 2019). We do not hold any information for the year 2014 as this was a year of transition for which data is not available.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Burbo Bank Extension			1		
Dudgeon				1	2 (30/4, 6/5)
Galloper			3	1	
Greater Gabbard	1				
Gunfleet Sands OFTO	1				
Gwynt y Mor	3			2	
Hornsea 1				1	
Inner Dowsing			1		

Lincs	3		1		
London Array	1		1		
North Hoyle	1			2	
Rhyl Flats		1	1		
Scroby Sands			1		
Sheringham Shoal	1		1	1	
West of Duddon Sands		1	2		

We hope that this information is helpful. We would also recommend that you contact the Health and Safety Executive, which should hold more complete records for this sector.

I hope that this information is helpful. However, if you are not satisfied with this response, you may complain or appeal our decision, which will be investigated through an Internal Review. If you are not content with the outcome of the Internal Review, you have the right to refer your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision (contact details are available at: www.ico.org.uk). Please note that the ICO will usually expect you to have first exhausted our own complaints procedure before raising your concerns with them.