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## ONSHORE PETROLEUM LICENSING POLICY – EXECUTIVE DECISION

Dear Stakeholder,

The Department previously contacted you about the consultation on onshore petroleum licensing policy in Northern Ireland (details available [here](#)). [Minerals and Petroleum legislation, policy and statutory rules | Department for the Economy](#)

On 05 December 2024 the Executive endorsed Minister Murphy's final policy position to introduce a temporary moratorium and eventual legislative ban on exploration and production of all forms of onshore oil and gas. A moratorium on the acceptance and processing of petroleum licence applications is now in place and legislation will be brought forward in the coming months to enact a full ban.

The departmental press release is [available here](#). [Murphy to ban onshore oil and gas exploration | Department for the Economy](#)



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