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Title: Operational Considerations for Environmental Management – A Coal Seam Gas Perspective

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Abstract:

Coal seam gas has been a popular topic for conferences for about a decade now. Most attendees of the EIANZ conference will have heard two or three presentations on topics such as 'Managing Associated Water' and 'Regulatory Burden in the CSG Industry'; indeed, I previously presented on two occasions on 'Environmental Management and Approvals in the Coal Seam Gas Industry'. The topic that is moving to the top of the list is: how will environmental regulation and management change now that the CSG-LNG mega projects now becoming operational after the peak of construction?

To manage the emergence of the CSG-LNG industry in Queensland, the State Government announced that it would adopt an adaptive approach to regulation. Industry responded by utilising resources to ensure that environmental impacts were understood and managed and project schedules were met.

So, how will things be different in the approaching operational phase of CSG-LNG projects in Queensland? How might regulation be different? What changes will industry make as it continues to deliver high quality outcomes and compliant infrastructure? How will environmental practitioners demonstrate the value of continuing to enhance environmental practices as technology progresses over time?

This presentation will outline the considerations as CSG-LNG transitions from construction to operational phase, whilst a rigorous regulatory regime and environmental best practice continue.