

Zero Routine Flaring Achieving 2030 Target

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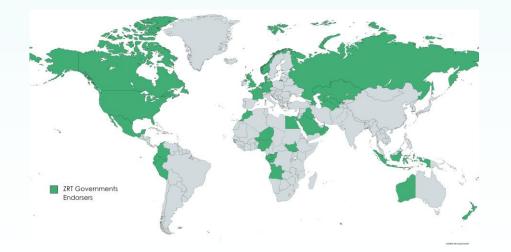
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World Bank - Zero Routine Flaring by 2030













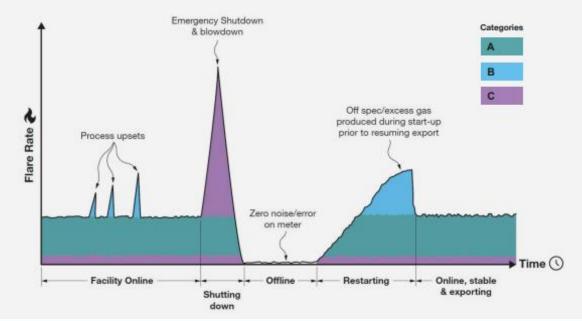
UKCS Flaring



https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/the-move-to-net-zero/flaring-and-venting/



Defining Routine Flaring



https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/7647/flaring-and-venting-guidance_june-2021-final.pdf

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Aligned to the World Bank Definition

- Cat A Routine Flaring, "Streams for the safe operation of the asset based on its current design and operating at optimum efficiency"
- Cat B Non-Routine Flaring, "Flaring and venting occurring during normal operations beyond levels optimum for the installation"
- Cat C Safety Flaring, "Emergency disposal and gas streams required specifically for the operation of safety critical/elements"

UK Emission Trading Scheme (ETS)

Free allowance for Safety Flaring

"...flaring can be considered as safety flaring if all three following conditions are met:

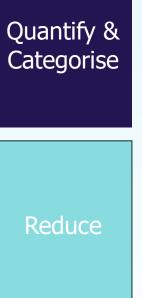
- 1. The flaring is required by relevant permit for safety reasons **AND**
- 2. The combustion takes place in a unit open to atmospheric disturbances (the combustion in other units is not covered) **AND**
- 3. The amounts of process or residual gases are highly fluctuating.



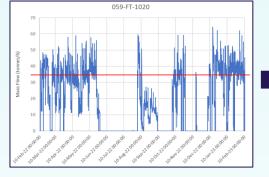
Flare Abatement and Flare Gas Recovery Systems



Flare Abatement



Recover

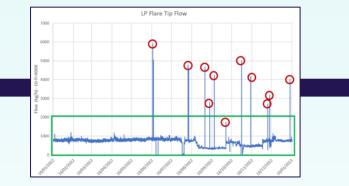


Routine Flaring:

- Optimise operations
- Redesign/Alternative
 Equipment

Individual Source

- New Pipework Required (potentially narrower)
- Multiple small compressors
 required
- Potentially High CAPEX / OPEX
- No Cat B/Cat C benefit

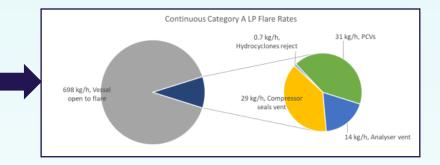


Non-Routine Flaring:

- Optimising of non-standard operating procedures
- Optimisation of process control to minimise process upsets
- Alternative Depressurisation
 routes for Planned Maintenance

Vapour Recovery Unit

- Single Compression System (potentially multiple stages)
- New Gas Gathering Pipework Required (potentially large diameter)
- No Cat B/Cat C benefit



Safety Flaring:

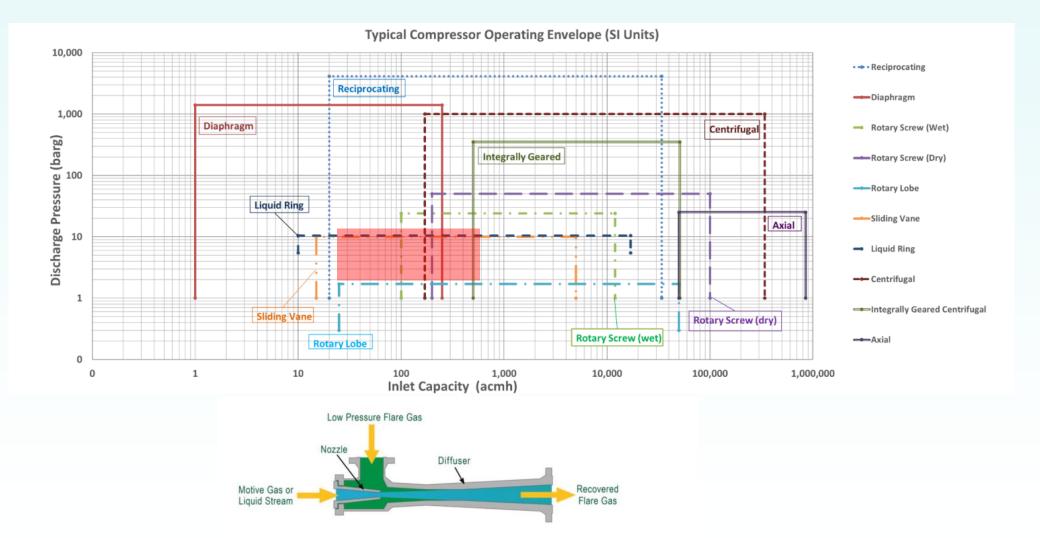
- Minimise Purge Rates
- Alternatives to normal lit flare
- Replacing HC Blanketing gas with N2
- Optimise Trip Set-points

Flare Gas Recovery System

- Makes use of existing flare header
- Single Compression System (potentially multiple stage)
- Modifications to Flare System
- Cat B/Cat C benefit



FGRS/VRU - Technology Selection



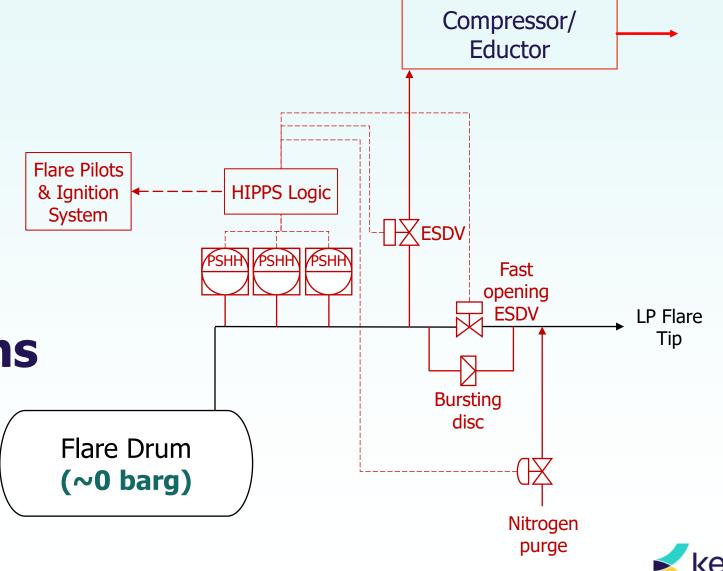
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FGRS Supporting Equipment

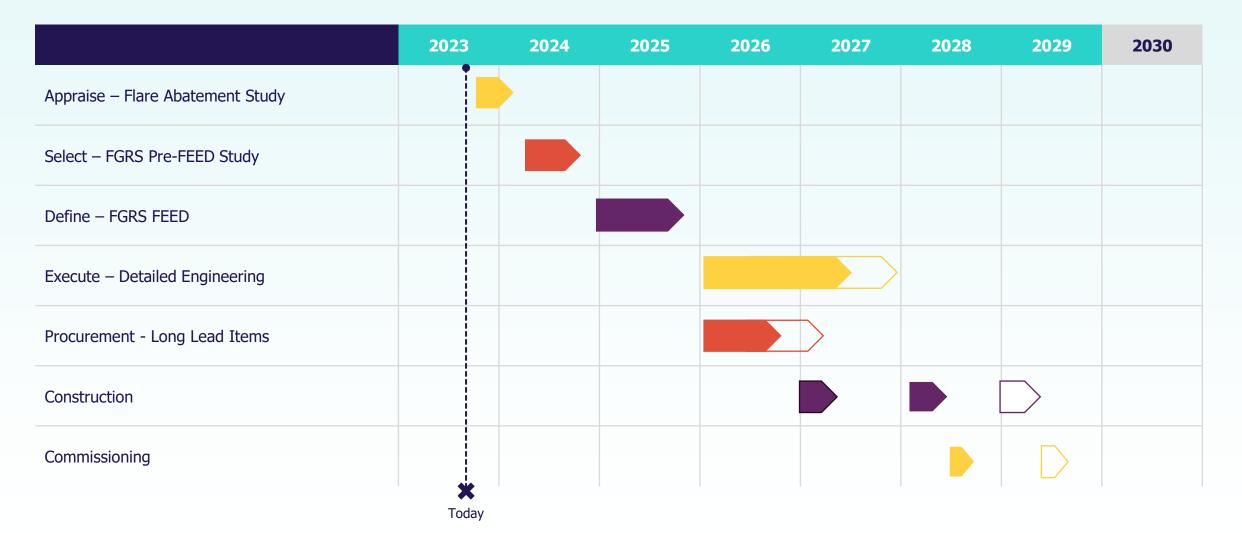
- Fast/Reliable Switch from unlit to lit flaring operation
 - Overpressure Protection Control Layer
 - Fast Opening ESDV
 - HIPPS Response
 - Overpressure Protection Reactive Layer
 - e.g. Bursting Disc/PSV
 - On Demand Ignition System
- Flare Purge of Flare Stack during non-flaring operation

Other Considerations

- Disposal for non gas exporting facilities
- Blending back of HC/Non-HC streams
 - Meeting Export Spec / Fuel Gas Requirements
- Reliability
- Back-pressure on flare header



Roadmap to 2030







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