

NPD – exploration drilling result

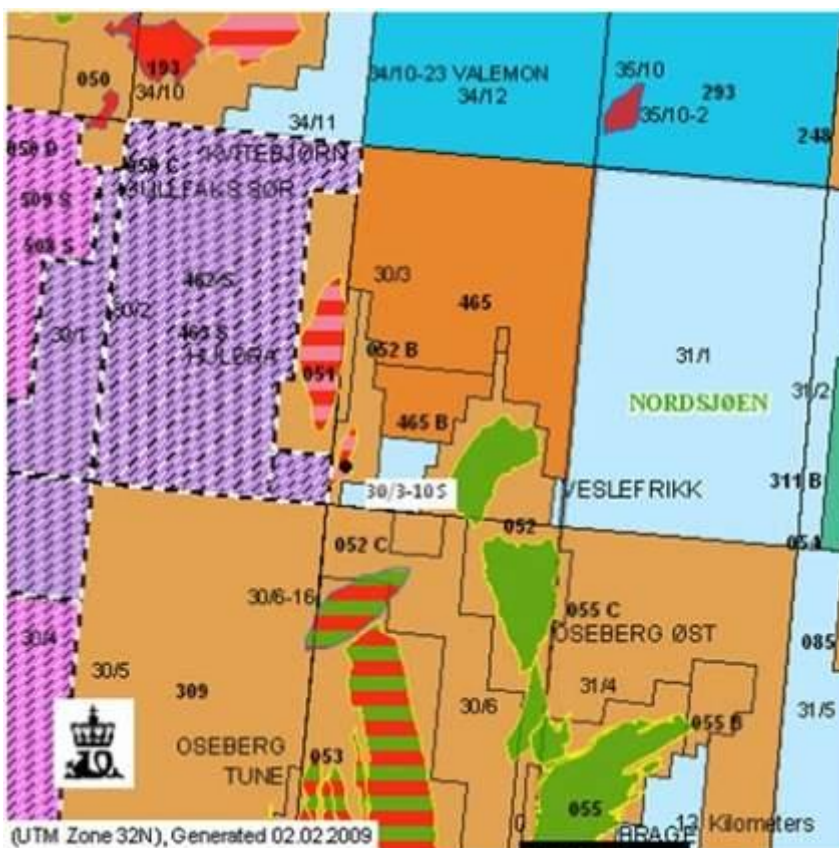
03/02/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted StatoilHydro ASA a drilling permit for wellbore 30/3-10 S, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

The drilling program for wellbore 30/3-10 S relates to drilling of an appraisal well in production licence 052. The well will be drilled from the *West Alpha* drilling facility at position 60°47' 43.5" North and 02°41' 11.8 East.

The area in this production licence consists of block 30/3, between the Huldra, Veslefrikk and Oseberg fields in the North Sea. StatoilHydro ASA is the operator with an 18 per cent ownership interest. The other licensees are Petoro AS with 37 per cent, Talisman with 27 per cent, RWE-DEA with 13.5 per cent and Revus Energy with a 4.5 per cent ownership interest.

The permit has been granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by other authorities have been secured before the drilling activity commences.

See [Factpages](#) for more information about this wellbore.



30/3-10 S

30/04/2009 Press Release 23/2009: StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 052, has concluded drilling of the combined wildcat and appraisal well 30/3-10 S on the 30/3-9 discovery in the North Sea. The results were disappointing.

In 2000, wildcat well 30/3-9 proved gas/condensate in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (Brent Group). The discovery is located a couple of kilometres south of the Huldra field and 10 kilometres west of the Veslefrikk field.

The primary objective for this well was to delineate the discovery. The secondary exploration target was Lower Jurassic reservoir rocks (Statfjord Formation).

Gas/condensate was proven in the Brent Group, but the reservoir is thinner than expected and is most likely not commercial. Data collected from the secondary target in the Statfjord Formation shows that the reservoir is tight and probably filled with water.

The well was not formation-tested, but data collection and sampling were carried out. The well will be plugged and abandoned.

This is the 13th exploration well in production licence 052. Well 30/3-10 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 3962 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in the Statfjord Formation in the Lower Jurassic. The water depth at the site is 122 metres.

Well 30/3-10 S was drilled by the *West Alpha* drilling facility, which will proceed to production licence 348 in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat well 6407/8-5 S where StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is operator.

Licensees in [production licence 052](#)

