NPD – exploration drilling result

06/07/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted StatoilHydro Petroleum AS a drilling permit for wellbore 34/10-52 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

The drilling program for wellbore 34/10-52 S relates to the drilling of an appraisal well in production licence 050. The well will be drilled from the *Deepsea Atlantic* drilling facility at position 61°04´31.83" North and 02°14´04.58" East.

The area in this production licence consists of parts of blocks 34/10, including the Gullfaks and Gullfaks Sør fields in the North Sea. StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator with a 70 per cent ownership interest, and Petoro AS is the licensee with a 30 per cent ownership interest.

The permit is conditional upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities before the drilling activity commences.

See Factpages for more information about this wellbore.