

Operations at Preston New Road

Keeping you informed

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28 November 2018

As the regulators of the shale gas industry we are committed to keeping local people updated on our work at the Preston New Road site over the coming months.

Latest situation

During the past couple of weeks Cuadrilla have been assessing microseismic results from previous hydraulic fracturing stages and carrying out other well operations. This is in preparation for flow testing works that may involve operation of the flare.

Cuadrilla have kept regulators informed of their plans on a regular basis, these plans have been discussed amongst regulators. Environment Agency (EA) officers have been onsite to assess operations against the legally binding conditions set out in their permit. The next EA site inspection will be unannounced.

Forecast for heavy rain

Cuadrilla has sufficient capacity in the containment tanks on site to store surface water from the forecast wet weather. This water can be pumped from the drainage ditch on the well pad into storage tanks; to be used in future as part of hydraulic fracturing fluid.

Some surface water has been removed recently by tanker to a permitted waste treatment facility.



Groundwater monitoring

Information from Cuadrilla's monitoring of groundwater at the Preston New Road site from July 2018 to September 2018 has been published to the Citizen Space page <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/onshore-oil-and-gas/information-on-cuadrillas-preston-new-road-site/>

Citizen Space

Our next update will be issued on Wednesday 19 December. In the meantime, we will continue to update Citizen Space with any reports and information. This will include more about our regulation of flow testing.

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