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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE

INFRASTRUCTURE BILL [*LORDS*]

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Clause 38, page 45, line 22, at end insert—

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“(4A) The Secretary of State shall, before the award of licences in relation to the use of deep-level land for onshore oil and gas exploration, issue additional planning guidance introducing a presumption against such developments within or under protected areas and functionally linked land.”

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Clause 39, page 45, line 32, leave out “any substance” and insert “substances approved by the Environment Agency”

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Clause 39, page 46, line 2, after “use”, insert “, subject to the conditions laid out in planning permission”

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Clause 39, page 46, line 3, at end insert—

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- “(4) (a) The right of use shall be conditional on operators undertaking site-by-site measurement, monitoring and public disclosure of existing and future fugitive emissions.
- (b) in this section, “fugitive emissions” shall mean releases arising from, but not limited to, flaring, venting, storage and transportation leakages.”

Infrastructure Bill [*Lords*], *continued*

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NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Exploitation of petroleum on deep-level land: cumulative impacts

The Secretary of State should amend the National Planning Policy Framework to require planning authorities to consider the cumulative impacts of exploiting petroleum on deep-level land.”

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NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Underground access: environmental protection

- (1) All sites extracting petroleum under the provisions of section 38 must—
 - (a) carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment;
 - (b) ensure that independent inspections are carried out of the integrity of wells used;
 - (c) publicly disclose the chemicals used for the extraction process, and the proportions in which they are used on a well-by-well basis;
 - (d) consult with the relevant water company; and
 - (e) carry out monitoring over the previous 12 month period.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall by regulations specify what data shall be required under paragraph (e).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) must specify as required data the levels of methane in the groundwater and ecological studies, that data shall include but is not limited to levels of methane in the groundwater and ecological studies.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (2) must be made by statutory instrument and may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

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Clause 39, page 46, line 3, at end insert—

- “() Before a well design is commenced or adopted in connection with the exploitation of petroleum the right of use requires the Health and Safety Executive to inspect the well so as to satisfy itself that—
- (a) so far as is reasonably practicable, there can be no unplanned escape of fluids from the well; and
 - (b) risks to the health and safety of persons from it or anything in it, or in strata to which it is connected, are as low as is reasonably practicable.
- () Where the Health and Safety Executive is satisfied that a condition in subsection () is met, it shall give notice to the Secretary of State.
- () The Secretary of State shall publish the information received from the Health and Safety Executive in accordance with sub-paragraph ().”

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Clause 36, page 39, line 10, after “industry”, insert “and the co-ordination of the transportation and storage of CO2”

Infrastructure Bill [*Lords*], *continued*

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NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Shale gas extraction: devolution

- (1) The Scotland Act 1998 is amended as follows.
 - (2) In Schedule 5, Part II, section D2, after “gas other than through pipes.”, insert—

“The licensing of onshore shale gas extraction underlying Scotland.
Responsibility for mineral access rights for onshore extraction of shale gas in Scotland.”
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