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Dear ██████████

Re: REQUEST FOR AUTHORISATION OF ADDITIONAL HOT VENTING DAYS

We refer to Santos NA Darwin Pipeline Pty Ltd's request, dated 4 March 2026, to authorise 26 additional days of hot venting in 2026 under EPL217.

On 27 May 2026, the NT EPA delegate provided authorisation for three additional hot venting days in accordance with condition 43 of EPL217-07.

On 4 June 2026, the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) authorised 23 additional days of hot venting in the 2026 calendar year, bringing the total additional days to 26, as requested.

Noting that EPL217-07 permits hot venting to be used for repairs and maintenance, the NT EPA authorises the use of the additional hot venting days in 2026 for commissioning, process upsets and repairs and maintenance in accordance with condition 42 of EPL217-07.

The NT EPA has made its decision based on the following:

- The current licence allows 36 days of hot venting (EPL217-07) that were intended to apply to steady-state operations.
- An allowance for hot venting for commissioning was not specifically provided for in either the construction approval (EPA378) or the operating licence for DLNG.
- Based on the available monitoring and modelling data, including continuous monitoring data from Santos' acid gas removal unit and interpolated estimates of cumulative emissions from hydrocarbon facilities in the Darwin airshed, the NT EPA considers that

the additional hot venting in 2026 presents a low risk of exceedance of applicable air quality criteria.

To ensure regulatory oversight, Santos must notify the NT EPA of the dates, duration and reasons for hot venting for each day on which hot venting occurs. Notifications must be provided by email to environmentalregulation@nt.gov.au within 24 hours of the commencement and cessation of hot venting.

The NT EPA is committed to transparency, particularly in relation to matters affecting the Darwin airshed. Please note that a copy of this letter will be published on the NT EPA website here [Santos NA Darwin Pipeline Pty Ltd | NTEPA](#).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Vogel', with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

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Chairperson NT EPA