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MUL260051 non-statutory request for observations from public bodies
Oriel Windfarm Limited site investigations off the coast of County Louth

To whom it may concern,

Having reviewed the MUL260051 application from the perspective of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 and the requirement therein to provide such aids to navigation as the volume of traffic justifies and the degree of risk requires, the Commissioners of Irish Lights as the National competent authority for marine aids to navigation under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, wishes to make the following observations regarding this application.

The application refers to the deployment of a metocean buoy (Inc. Floating Lidar) in paragraph 3.1.A. Prior to any such deployment of marine aids to navigation (AtoN) a statutory consent must be applied for and granted by Irish Lights under the Merchant Shipping Act.

Irish Lights wishes to note that a metocean buoy (Inc. Floating Lidar) would be required to be a yellow lighted Special Mark buoy with AIS fitted.

Irish Lights also note the specific location of the ADCP as part of these investigations and that the reduction of available navigable water does not require the marking of these ADCP on this occasion.

Any Appropriate Assessment activity conducted as part of this MUL licensing process should include the impact of the deployment of surface marking buoys and associated moorings.

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