

Site Context



Site Location
The site is located approximately 1.5 km southwest of the village of Nigg, 15 km south of Tain, and 56 km northeast of Inverness, within the grounds of the former Nigg Oil Terminal, currently operated by Repsol UK.

The specific area under consideration was formerly occupied by oil storage tanks, situated within a containment bund. This infrastructure is currently being demolished as part of a wider site clearance programme associated with the decommissioning of the oil terminal.

The containment bund was constructed with concrete paving on the internal face and grass on the external face. The immediate area contains no trees or shrubs, and the landscape is predominantly open and industrial in character.

Site History
The Port of Nigg has played a key role in Scotland’s energy sector for over 50 years. Strategically located on the Cromarty Firth, it has supported offshore energy activities since the 1970s.

Established in 1972 as a fabrication yard by Highland Fabricators (Hi-Fab), the site became a major centre for offshore platform construction, employing up to 5,000 people and delivering over 30 major projects, including for BP and Shell. The Nigg Oil Terminal was added in 1981 to support the Beatrice oilfield.

In 2011, Global Energy Group (GEG) acquired the site, revitalising it as a modern multi-user facility. This included launching the Nigg Skills Academy and reactivating the dry dock, with projects like the GSF Galaxy I and Haewene Brim FPSO upgrades.

In 2023, the site was awarded Green Freeport status as part of the Inverness and Cromarty Firth consortium and selected to support the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm, including logistics, pre-assembly, and fabrication works.



Site Photos

