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Grangemouth Industrial Cluster - draft Just Transition plan: consultation

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We are seeking views on the proposed vision and Just Transition Plan for the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster (Supporting a fair transition for Scotland's core manufacturing cluster), which we have set out in the draft document. We want the views of community, business, third sector and all those with an interest in Grangemouth to shape the final publication in 2025.

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Grangemouth Industrial Baseline Summary

Introduction

This section of the Just Transition Plan summarises our Grangemouth Industrial Baseline, providing a comprehensive overview of the current Grangemouth Industrial cluster in Scotland, mapping where possible, industrial activity and production, as well as some of the wider impacts on the surrounding town and people of Grangemouth.

This baseline has been developed to provide a clear and comprehensive outline of how the industrial cluster operates today, which will in turn help in identifying both how the cluster can reach net zero and how this might

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impact on businesses, people and places in the process. Taken collectively alongside the vision, it will also help to shape the policies and actions we can collectively take to ensure that such a transition is as fair as possible.

Finally, and most importantly, the baseline will provide an agreed reference point for monitoring efforts as GFIB progresses this work, providing early headline metrics.

For ease, this section provides an overview of the Baseline. A more detailed outline is provided at Annex A.

Cluster Overview

GFIB defines the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster as a collection of the following major industrial operators:

Currently, whilst the operators are geographically close to one another, their day-to-day activity is relatively separate, with little intra-cluster integration.

The cluster can be broken down into three sub-clusters of activity, largely defined by energy/utilities and some shared infrastructure. As outlined below, this includes the INEOS/Petroineos and Earlsgate clusters, as well as the Port.

Whilst these key operators form the core of large-scale industrial activity in Grangemouth there is also a wider network of manufacturing businesses in the area, in some cases forming a critical part of the cluster's local supply chain. For this reason, we have not limited consideration of impacts and activity to the core operators in isolation. A wider map of operators across the Grangemouth area is shown below.

Figure 1: Grangemouth Industrial Cluster Core Operators and Relationships

Recent Developments

There has been a number of recent announcements which may impact on the Grangemouth industrial footprint in the future:

- In June 2023, Fujifilm announced the closure of its dye manufacturing facility at Grangemouth, one part of its operation there and affecting 31 roles. In March 2024, a consultation on the closure of the entire facility was announced, affecting a further 62 roles.
- In November 2023, Petroineos announced that the Grangemouth oil refinery will commence preparatory works to convert to an import terminal for finished fuels. The potential future conversion of this site would see a reduction of roughly 400 staff. In a recent statement in September 2024, Petroineos has subsequently confirmed it's intention to cease refining at Grangemouth in quarter 2 of 2025.
- In December 2023, Versalis announced their intention to permanently close their Grangemouth site, with the loss of all employee jobs (c. 135).

The above sites have been included in the 2023 figures set out in this report.

Manufacturing Activity