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BGS plans to consolidate its borehole rock samples

The British Geological Survey (BGS) is hoping to consolidate all of its onshore and offshore cores at one site. It will provide a first-class National Geoscience Data Centre (NDGC) that will be located at the geological survey headquarters in Keyworth, Nottingham.

BGS is planning to relocate samples that are presently housed in Gilmerton, Edinburgh, in a modern purpose-built facility. Customers of the core store will have significantly improved sampling and study access. In addition, visitors will have the possibility of accessing other laboratory and archive facilities.

The Gilmerton staff members will move to the BGS offices at Murchison House, Edinburgh. Here the team will benefit from closer links with the Marine and Petroleum team.

The BGS core stores provide a unique collection of data to assist research and exploration on the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS). Oil and Gas companies working on the UKCS are required by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to deposit representative samples of core and cuttings at the NGDC.

Borehole material will be available for viewing and sampling at the new consolidated NGDC.

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