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Government gave false information on fracking rules

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Decommissioning each shale gas well costs up to £1 million
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Fracking sites could become a permanent blot on the landscape because of a weakness in decommissioning rules, according to the public spending watchdog.

The government made false assurances that the Environment Agency would be able to pursue fracking companies and landowners for the costs of restoring sites, the National Audit Office (NAO) has said.

Its report, published today, also questions the government's claims that fracking will yield economic benefits and be consistent with Britain's climate targets. The report is a further



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