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Our case officer

Your ref.
2024-023163

Our ref. (please quote when replying)
Havtil 2024/1556/AO

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30.09.2025

Revised investigation report and order following investigation of fire on Sleipner B 22 October 2024

Tuesday 22 October 2024, a fire started in the high-voltage room of the M40 module on Equinor's Sleipner B (SLB) facility. On 22 October 2024, the Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority (Havtil) decided to investigate the incident. We refer to our investigation report and notification of order sent to Equinor on 9 September 2025.

Equinor has submitted comments about some factual errors in the investigation report, which we have taken into account. A revised investigation report is attached. We have identified serious breaches of the regulations; see non-conformities 12.1.1, 12.1.2 and 12.1.7 in the report.

Equinor submitted no comments on the notification of order by the deadline of 24 September 2025, and Havtil is issuing the following order as notified:

Pursuant to the Framework Regulations, section 69 concerning administrative decisions, Equinor Energy AS is ordered to:

1. *Review the company's decision-making routines and practices*
 - a. *concerning identified weaknesses that may lead to incidents with serious consequences but of low probability*
 - b. *where technical solutions are identified and implemented that deviate from established practice,*

with reference to the Management Regulations, section 4 concerning risk reduction, first paragraph; the Facilities Regulations, section 5 concerning the design of facilities; the Management Regulations, section 6 concerning the management of health, safety and the environment, first paragraph, and section

11 concerning the basis for making decisions and decision criteria, first paragraph.

2. *Identify measures and establish a plan to provide the necessary facility-specific training and drills on, or associated with, Sleipner B so that personnel are at all times able to handle operational disturbances and hazard and accident situations in an effective manner, with reference to the Activities Regulations, section 23 concerning training and drills, first paragraph, and section 77 concerning the handling of hazard and accident situations.*

The deadline for complying with part 1 of the order is 31 March 2026.

The deadline for complying with part 2 of the order is 31 December 2025.

We are to be notified when the various parts of the order have been carried out.


The decision may be appealed pursuant to the Public Administration Act, section 28. The appeal deadline is three weeks from receipt of this letter. The Ministry of Energy is the appeal body, but any appeal must be sent to us. Further information about the right of appeal and the applicable procedure can be obtained from us.

The report contains a description of identified non-conformities, in addition to the non-conformities that form the basis for the order. In an email of 24 September 2025, Equinor has requested a deadline of 3 December 2025 to respond to this. Based on Equinor's application, we are requesting an account of how the non-conformities will be addressed by 3 December 2025.

The employees' representatives, including the safety representatives, shall be informed of the decision and investigation report, with reference to the Working Environment Act, section 18-6, eighth paragraph.

The decision and investigation report will be published on www.havtil.no.

Sincerely
per pro Elin S. Witsø
Head of Supervision


senior advisor

This letter has been electronically certified by the Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority and therefore has no signature.

Attachments: 1. Revised investigation report following fire on Sleipner B
2. Participants from Equinor

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