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**Equinor Energy AS**  
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Vår saksbehandler

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Deres ref.  
2022-015986

Vår ref. (bes oppgitt ved svar)  
Ptil 2022/894/TFO

Dato  
03.02.20233

Dear Sirs

### **Order following the investigation of gas leaks on Statfjord B on 23 May 2022 and revised report**

From 25 May 2022 until now, we have investigated the undesirable incident of 23 May 2022 involving gas leaks from two blowdown lines in the M10T module on Statfjord B.

We have identified serious breaches of the regulations, and would refer to the notice of an order and the investigation report transmitted to you earlier. Our revised report is attached. In accordance with the notice, Equinor is given the following order relating to nonconformities 8.1.1, 8.1.4 and 8.1.5 in the report.

*Pursuant to section 69 of the framework regulations on administrative decisions, see sections 45 and 47 of the activities regulations on maintenance and maintenance programme respectively, and sections 58 and 59a of the technical and operational regulations on maintenance and maintenance programme respectively, see section 21 of the management regulations on follow-up, Equinor is ordered to do the following.*

- *Ensure maintenance of hydrocarbon pipes in carbon steel on Statfjord B so that they are able to perform their demanding functions in all phases of production life.*
- *Verify for all Equinor's facilities and land plants that the maintenance programme for hydrocarbon pipes in carbon steel contains activities for monitoring performance and technical condition to ensure that failure modes which are under development or have arisen as a result of external corrosion are identified and corrected.*

*The deadline for meeting item 1 in the order is 1 June 2023. The deadline for meeting item 2 in the order is 31 December 2023. We must be notified when the order has been complied with in accordance with the specified deadlines.*

An appeal can be made against this decision pursuant to section 28 of the Public Administration Act. The deadline is three weeks from the receipt of this letter. A possible appeal will be heard by the Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion, but must be submitted to us. Further information on the right to lodge an appeal and the procedure for doing so can be obtained from us.

This decision must be made known to elected officers for the workforce, including the safety delegates, pursuant to section 18-6, paragraph 8, of the Working Environment Act.

The order and the investigation report will be published on [www.psa.no](http://www.psa.no).

Yours faithfully

Kjell Marius Auflem, by authority  
*Head of supervision*

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*This letter has been approved electronically in the PSA and accordingly bears no signatures.*

Attachments: Revised investigation report and appendix A