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## **REG. no. 13 of 11 January 1991: Security provisions for the power supply system**

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### **Security provisions for the power supply system**

#### **General comments**

1. Security provisions for the power supply system deal with measures for protection against damage in the event of acts of war or sabotage of existing installations, installations under construction or planned installations that are or will probably be of importance to the nation's power supply system.

These provisions shall help prevent unauthorised persons from acquiring information about and access to power supply installations for the purpose of disrupting or destroying these operations.

2. These provisions apply to existing installations, installations under construction or planned installations of the size that is covered by the Energy Act.

Installation is understood here to mean:

- A power plant with a generating capacity of at least 15,000 kVA.
- A transformer or switching station with a throughput capacity of at least 10,000 kVA, and a converter station with a throughput capacity of at least 2,000 kVA.
- An electrical power line intended for at least 132 kV nominal voltage.
- Dams or other water flow regulation facilities capable of storing at least 5 million cubic metres of water.

- A district heating plant that has an output of at least 10 MJ/s (10,000 kW).
- Operation control centres.

In this context, installations that are important to the nation's power supply system include computer and telecommunications centres, cf. section 6-3, paragraph three of the Energy Act.

3. The manager of each individual company is responsible for seeing that the security provisions are complied with.

The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Administration (NVE) shall see that the provisions are complied with by public and private institutions that process information about the power supply system.

### **Protection of information**

4. Classified information

The Instructions regarding Security and the Instructions regarding Protection of 17 March 1972 with subsequent amendments apply to the processing of all classified information.

Information that pertains to the following areas shall normally be classified:

- An installation's importance for the delivery of power, especially to important fortifications, industries of military importance, railways, fuel installations, port facilities, etc.
- Military defence and security measures.
- Police security measures.
- Command posts and/or alarm posts.
- Important telecommunications and control systems.
- Flood calculations.
- Comprehensive analyses of damage in the event of power failures.
- Overviews of spare parts depots and repair possibilities.
- Detailed overviews of the power supply system.
- Structural engineering security measures at important power supply installations.

5. Unclassified information

There may also be a large amount of information in unclassified material that ought to be protected.

Unclassified documents may be exempted from public disclosure when this is conferred by the Freedom of Information Act's exclusionary provisions (sections 5, 5a and 6).

The manager of an individual company may impose a duty of confidentiality on employees and others who work for and in an installation.

### **Licence applications**

6. In connection with planning and licence applications the following will particularly apply:
- Requests to NVE for the release of information and/or data shall be in writing.
  - The purpose for the use of the information shall be stated together with the name of a responsible person.
  - Any permit issued by NVE will be of limited duration and will include conditions for use and distribution.

### **Limited call for tenders**

7. Through the purchase of goods and services or the contracting of building and construction work, the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy or the party authorised by the Ministry may order a limited call for tenders pursuant to the Regulatory Framework for Public Procurement. In this context, a limited call for tenders means a written request to designated companies or persons without any public announcement. Use of a limited call for tenders must only occur when it is required for security reasons.
8. The institution that has issued the order shall approve the companies and/or persons that it is desirable to ask to perform work or make deliveries. These shall be made aware in the call for tenders that it concerns a limited tender and that any sub-contractors must be approved.
9. The companies that receive tendering documents shall sign a separate letter of commitment concerning the security-related processing of the documents. This letter is submitted on a specified form.

### **Instructions for visits**

10. At some power supply installations designated by NVE, restrictions on visits have been imposed because of the installation's importance for the nation's power supply system. These entail:

- a. During the visit, a specified route shall be followed. At power stations, this route shall only include the machine hall, generator and turbine hall, and a control room, if any, if this is not simultaneously an operation control centre. If it is desirable to add other areas or objects to the route of the visit, this shall be approved by NVE.
  - b. At other plants and installations and at operation control centres, the visit shall be arranged so that no detailed information is given about construction, operation or other similar matters.
  - c. All guided tours shall be led by an experienced representative of the owner, who is responsible for seeing that the security provisions are complied with.
  - d. At a guided tour for visitors with special information needs such as students, delegations, etc., the owner is authorised to adapt the information while observing caution on security-related matters. In case of doubt, NVE shall be consulted.
  - e. Photography is forbidden unless a special permit has been obtained from the owner.
  - f. Study visits and trainee service are permitted for Norwegian citizens. Requests and applications from foreigners shall be decided by NVE in each individual case.
11. At power supply installations that have no restrictions on visits, the owner is free to determine the route of the visit and the information that will be provided.

### **Hiring of foreigners**

12. When hiring foreigners in the power supply system the rules that apply are specified in the *Direktiv for sikkerhetsmessig kontroll av utenlandske statsborgere som er tenkt nyttet i den sivile del av statsforvaltningen* (Directive for security checks on foreign nationals who are candidates for employment in the civil sector of public administration), promulgated by the Royal Decree of 6 June 1975.

### **Physical security of power supply installations**

13. All power supply installations that are covered by these security provisions shall be secured against uncontrolled access for unauthorised persons, whether by security guards or by keeping them closed.
14. In the construction phase, the owner shall establish access control no later than the date when the installation work commences. All regular personnel who are entitled to

access will be issued an admittance card. Casual employees, suppliers and visitors will be issued a time-limited admittance card. Private vehicles shall display a parking permit.

### **Cases of doubt**

15. Doubts that may arise in connection with the interpretation or implementation of these provisions are to be addressed through NVE.

### **Entry into force**

16. These provisions enter into force on 15 February 1991. At the same time, *Bestemmelser vedrørende adgang til å tillate besøk ved kraftforsyningsanlegg og til å gi opplysninger om slike anlegg m.v.* (Rules concerning permission to allow visits at power supply installations and to provide information about these installations, etc.), as promulgated in the Crown Prince Regent's Decree of 5 June 1970, will be repealed.