

Amendment 268

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 3 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When fixing or approving transmission or distribution tariffs or the methodologies to be used by transmission system operators, distribution system operators, LNG terminal operators or other regulated companies including where applicable underground gas storage operators, regulatory authorities shall take into account the costs incurred and investments made to comply with the obligations under this Regulation, insofar as they correspond to those of an efficient and structurally comparable regulated operator.

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Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 13 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

1 a (new) For the periods of time that operators can demonstrate to Competent Authorities that they meet the performance standard, they shall be exempted from the relevant obligations set out in Articles 14, 15 and 18.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

Thereafter, leak detection and repair surveys shall be ***repeated*** every ***three*** months.

Thereafter, leak detection and repair surveys shall be ***carried-out with following frequencies:***

(a) once every six months for all aboveground components using detection devices with the minimum detection limit referred to in paragraph 3(a);

(b) once per year for all aboveground components using detection devices with the minimum detection limit referred to in paragraph 3(b);

(c) once per year , or at the frequency levels set in Annex I Part 1, for all underground components using detection devices with the minimum detection limit referred to in paragraph 3(c)

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

The period between subsequent surveys referred to in subparagraphs 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) may be doubled, if in four consecutive surveys the percentage of components found to be leaking remains lower than 2,0%, or if the operator uses site-level continuous monitoring systems following approval by the Competent Authority.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 14 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

3a. Operators may use site-level continuous monitoring systems, provided that:

(a) the competent authority approves its use in the context of the leak detection and repair programme referred to in paragraph 1;

(b) the continuous monitoring system complies with the relevant minimum detection limit as set out by technical specifications contained in the European standards.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 15 – paragraph 5***Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Flaring shall only be allowed where either re-injection, utilisation on-site or dispatch of the methane to a market are not feasible for reasons other than economic considerations. In such a situation, as part of the reporting obligations set out in Article 16, operators shall demonstrate to the competent authorities the necessity to opt for flaring instead of either re-injection, utilisation on-site or dispatch of the methane to a market.

5. ***In addition to the conditions set out in paragraph 2***, flaring shall only be allowed where either re-injection, utilisation on-site, ***gas processing***, or dispatch of the methane to a market are not feasible for reasons other than economic considerations. In such a situation, as part of the reporting obligations set out in Article 16, operators shall demonstrate to the competent authorities the necessity to opt for flaring instead of either re-injection, utilisation on-site or dispatch of the methane to a market, ***including the cost-benefit analysis where appropriate***.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 17 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ***Where a facility is built, replaced or refurbished, or where new flare stacks or other combustion devices are installed,*** operators shall install ***only*** combustion devices with an auto-igniter or continuous pilot and ***a complete*** destruction removal efficiency for hydrocarbons.

1. ***For flaring activities in accordance with Article 15 (2) and (3) that exceed the annual combustion threshold of 250 tonnes of methane per facility,*** operators shall install ***all flare stacks that uses*** combustion devices with an auto-igniter or continuous pilot and ***at least 99% destruction and*** removal efficiency for hydrocarbons ***by 18 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.***

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 18 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

1. By ... [12 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation], Member States shall establish and make publicly available an inventory of all inactive wells on their territory or under their jurisdiction, including at least the elements set out in Annex IV.

1. By ... [12 months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation], Member States shall establish and make publicly available an inventory of all inactive wells ***and permanently plugged and abandoned wells*** on their territory or under their jurisdiction, including at least the elements set out in Annex IV.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 18 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

1a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States with 15 000 or more inactive, temporarily plugged wells and permanently plugged and abandoned wells combined, may establish a phased calendar to perform the inventory with a duration of maximum 6 years from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation**Article 18 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Reports containing *the measurements referred to in paragraph 2* shall be submitted to the competent authorities by ... [24 months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation] and by 30 March every year thereafter and cover the last available calendar year. Before submission to the competent authorities, the reports set out in this paragraph shall be assessed by a verifier and include a verification statement issued in accordance with Articles 8 and 9.

3. Reports containing *information on quantification of methane emissions to air or, where such monitoring equipment exist on wellheads, pressure monitoring from all inactive wells* shall be submitted to the competent authorities by ... [18 months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation] and by 30 March every year thereafter and cover the last available calendar year. *If the pressure monitoring identifies any methane leakage from the well, a remediation plan shall be set out, that includes re-establishing well barriers, and quantification of emissions shall be undertaken and included in the report. By way of exception from abovementioned paragraph where the competent authorities are provided with reliable evidence of material methane emissions from permanently plugged and abandoned wells, the obligation for permanently plugged and abandoned wells set out in this paragraph shall apply to that wells. In that case, remediation, reclamation or plugging of that well shall be carried out by the responsible party. Where a well is no longer operational and*

is in the process of decommissioning it is considered to be permanently plugged in line with the definition in Article 2, point (24a). Before submission to the competent authorities, the reports set out in this paragraph shall be assessed by a verifier and include a verification statement issued in accordance with Articles 8 and 9.

Or. en