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Vår ref. (bes oppgitt ved svar)
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Dear Sirs

Observations of unidentified drones/ aircraft offshore

Operator companies on the Norwegian continental shelf (NCS) have recently given warnings/notifications of a number of observations concerning unidentified drones/aircraft close to offshore installations.

We would urge all operators and vessel owners on the NCS to show increased vigilance, and would remind them that warning and notification of observations must be made to us pursuant to section 58 of the framework regulations on warning and notification in connection with entry into safety zones.

Unidentified drones/aircraft could involve increased risk in such areas as

- helicopter traffic and movements by SAR helicopters
- ignition source control – equipment without Ex approval close to areas presenting an explosion hazard
- dropped object – collision with a facility
- deliberate attacks.

We assume that a number of players in the industry are already aware of these incidents, but nevertheless consider it appropriate to inform about them. We would urge increased vigilance, a review of emergency preparedness measures and incident response, and information sharing. Furthermore, communication in general is crucial in the petroleum industry and with collaborating government agencies.

We would request that relevant personnel at the individual operator company or vessel owner, as well as the safety delegate service, are made aware of the content of this letter.

The companies have no need to report back on action taken in response to this information.

Yours faithfully

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

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