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False Alarm on Cavern Field in Etzel

EKB Storage Apologizes for Noise Emission due to Safety Shutdown

Etzel, January 20, 2021: Today the EKB natural gas storage facility in Etzel was shut down for safety reasons due to a false alarm.

For safety reasons the automatic system reacted, the internal siren alarm and the emergency pressure relief system (cold blowdown system) caused a noise development that could be clearly perceived around the facility.

The on-site staff was able to stop the alarm at short notice after detailed control measurements. After further checks and additional post-measurements, the electronic monitoring system was restarted

Company Information:

Etzel-Kavernenbetriebsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG is a joint venture established between BP Europe SE, Ørsted and Gazprom Germania. At its Etzel location (in the Municipality of Friedeburg, close to Wilhelmshaven) the company operates a natural gas storage in underground caverns.

This plant operated by EKB Storage with currently nine underground caverns in operation, is one of the most efficient commercial storage facilities in Germany. Per hour 450,000 cubic meters of natural gas can be injected and 800,000 cubic meters withdrawn.

Further information available under: www.ekb-storage.de