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False Alarm on Cavern Field in Etzel

EKB Storage Apologizes for Noise Emission due to Safety Shutdown

Etzel, July 28, 2018: This morning 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 and the plant re-commissioned at 1:00 p.m. after consultation with the LBEG (Local Mining Authority).

The false alarm was caused by two gas sensors which monitor the power supply to the LP1 compressor.

The official bodies and the press were informed immediately.

"We formally apologize to the affected residents for the noise development as a result of the false alarm," said Christian Rohde, CEO of EKB Storage.

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 Per hour 450,000 cubic meters of natural gas can be injected and 800,000 cubic meters withdrawn.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