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Comments on a proposal circulated for consideration regarding notification in accord with the Espoo Convention on environmental impact assessments in a transboundary context of the "Windanker" offshore wind farm northeast of Rügen, Germany.

The Swedish Coast Guard has no objection to the planned establishment of the wind farm but feels that the environmental impact assessment should contain information about an environmental rescue plan in case of an accident that involves emissions of oil or other hazardous materials.

The applicant should be enjoined to contact the Swedish Coast Guard if oil or other hazardous materials get into the water or if there is a risk of such emissions or other accidents. To make it easier for the Coast Guard to plan its activities and to ensure a sufficiently high level of readiness for environmental rescue at sea, with good advance planning the agency should be informed before the work begins and ends and should be kept informed of how the work is proceeding during the construction phase. Such information should be submitted to the Coast Guard's command and control centre, Southwest Region, at telephone number +46 31 726 91 00 or via email to lc.krs@kustbevakningen.se and/or registrator.krs@kustbevakningen.se.

Further, the Swedish Coast Guard feels that flight safety aspects must be observed. In case of sea rescue or environment-related events, for example, the Coast Guard may need to fly in over the German economic zone. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure in part that information about the offshore wind farm and its turbines is entered into chart and topographic databases for flight planning purposes and in part that the wind turbines are well marked both in the daytime and nighttime.

In view of its sphere of activities, the Swedish Coast Guard sees no need for additional appurtenant data or additional inquiry etc. in the case.

The decision on this statement has been reached by acting department head Kristina Falk-Strand. Those taking part in handling the case were the Coast Guard's Southwest Region, Coast Guard Aviation, agency legal counsel Jon Bartholdsson, programme officer Fredrik Simonson and unit head Ingvar Lindholm (reporting)

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