Regulation on amendments to the regulation on the prohibition of the use of mineral oil for heating buildings

Legal basis: Established by the Ministry of Climate and Environment and the Ministry of Energy [DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT] pursuant to the Act of March 13, 1981, No. 6 on protection against pollution and waste (Pollution Control Act) §§ 9, 49, 52a, 81, and 86, cf. delegation decisions of July 8, 1983, No. 1245, delegation decisions of May 16, 1986, No. 1094, and the Act of June 29, 1990, No. 50 on production, transformation, transmission, sale, distribution, and use of energy, etc. (Energy Act) § 10-6.

I

In regulation of June 28, 2018, No. 1060 on the prohibition of the use of mineral oil for heating buildings, the following amendments are made:

The title of the regulation shall read:

Regulation on the prohibition of the use of mineral oil for heating buildings and fossil gas for construction heating

§ 2 first paragraph shall read:

This regulation applies to the use of mineral oil for heating buildings and the use of fossil gas for construction heating.

§ 2 second paragraph letter e shall read:

e. *buildings and building components where the purpose of the heating is to prevent damage after serious and unforeseen events.*

§ 2 second paragraph letter f is repealed.

§ 3 letter b shall read:

b. *Fossil gas*: hydrocarbons of fossil origin that are in gaseous form at normal pressure and normal temperature.

§ 3 letter c shall read:

c. *Heating*: heating of rooms, ventilation air and tap water. *Construction heating is also considered heating.*

§ 3 letter d shall read:

d. *Construction heating*: temporary heating and drying of buildings and building parts that are under construction or rehabilitation, including curing of concrete, drying of paint, etc. Construction heating does not include heating where the purpose of the heating is to prevent damage after serious and unforeseen events.

§ 3 letter e shall read:

e. *Building*: construction with ceilings, walls and technical installations. Temporary buildings are also considered as buildings, including buildings that are under construction.

New § 3 letter f shall read:

f. *Operational building in agriculture*: Building that is a necessary part of the operation or that is an asset in connection with agricultural operations.

New § 3 letter g shall read:

g. *District heating system*: term for technical equipment and associated building structures for the production, transmission, and distribution of hot water or other heat carriers to external consumers, cf. the Act on production, transformation, transmission, sale, distribution, and use of energy, etc. § 1-3 second paragraph.

New § 4 a shall read:

§ 4 a. Prohibition on the use of fossil gas for construction heating

It is prohibited to use fossil gas for construction heating, unless the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate has made a decision pursuant to § 6. For the use of fossil gas for curing cast-in-place concrete and facade heating, the prohibition applies from July 1, 2027.

§ 5 shall read:

§ 5. Reporting obligation for grid companies

Grid companies that have connection or delivery obligations pursuant to the Energy Act Chapter 3 shall without undue delay report to the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate if the phasing out of mineral oil for heating *or fossil gas for construction heating* is assumed to affect the security of supply in the power system, and where measures to improve supply security cannot be implemented before the prohibition comes into force. A copy of the report shall be sent to affected municipalities.

§ 6 first paragraph shall read:

The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate may by regulation or individual decision determine that the prohibition in § 4 *and § 4 a* does not apply in a limited geographical area and within a limited period, if the consideration for supply security in the power system so dictates.

§ 10 heading and first paragraph shall read:

Disclosure obligation for anyone who sells mineral oil and fossil gas to end users

The municipality may, pursuant to the Pollution Control Act § 49, require anyone who sells mineral oil *and anyone who sells fossil gas* to end users to provide an overview of customers and sold volume.

§ 12 shall read:

§ 12. *Exceptions*

The municipality may in individual cases make exceptions from the prohibitions in § 4 and *§ 4 a* if special reasons exist.

II

The regulation entries into force on July 1, 2025.