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Opinions on supplementary documentation for Environmental Impact Assessment for Nord Stream Gas Pipeline (ref. 121-7846-06)

SEPA sent the above referral for consultation on 20 November 2007, opinions to be returned and in the possession of SEPA by 7 January 2007 [*sic*] at the latest.

The District Council Directorate Work Group ruled § 483/07

that it would commission the Environment and Buildings Administration to provide a statement not later than 17 December 2007.

The Environment and Buildings Director provided the following statement:

"In regard to the above, the undersigned proposes to Mörbylånga District Council that the following statement be issued:

The new route which is proposed to the west of Bornholm means that the pipeline will, from the eastern side of Gotland southwards, essentially be contiguous with one of the most heavily trafficked shipping lanes in the Baltic Sea. This means that the pipeline will be exposed to severe risks of impact from physical activities such as anchoring etc, which may occur deliberately or in conjunction with incidents during navigation. Maintenance work will also constitute a severe risk in consideration of the heavy shipping traffic in the area.

Accidents happen at regular intervals in this area, in spite of the traffic monitoring which is in place.

The application should therefore be supplemented with a risk analysis and a comparative study containing a route running to the east of Bornholm, even though such a route would be somewhat longer."

The District Council Directorate Work Group decides

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Yours truly

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