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### **Gas extraction that harms marine nature**

**Schutzgemeinschaft Deutsche Nordseeküste e.V. (SDN) appeals to all responsible parties to be sensible with regard to nature and life**

**Wadden Sea/Borkum.** The Schutzgemeinschaft Deutsche Nordseeküste (SDN) fears that once this new gas extraction near the Wadden Sea is permitted, it will be difficult to prevent further economic activities such as artificial extraction and production islands, additional pipelines and cables or even more oil and gas extraction along with CCS. 'I simply see a great danger that marine nature - 'naturally' for 'good reason' - will degenerate even more into an industrial area, with all its negative consequences,' says Gerd-Christian Wagner, Chairman of the Association for the Protection of Nature. 'Not to mention the associated increasing threat of accidents that could permanently contaminate the Wadden Sea in particular.' The effects of previous gas extraction in the Groningen region in particular, with its earthquakes and subsidence, show more than clearly what the Wadden Sea, and with it the islands of Borkum and Schiermonnikoog, can expect if gas is extracted.

'And that's despite a non-existent gas shortage,' Wagner continues. The gas storage facilities are full, the LNG terminals are not even utilised and a move away from fossil fuels has even been announced several times. 'What's more, the expected production volume is only around one per cent of German gas consumption.' This gives the clear impression that the business interests of a gas company are being prioritised over nature and people. Especially when the company is also threatening legal action and compensation. This would jeopardise the preservation of the habitat as well as the status of the Wadden Sea as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

According to Wagner, it makes no sense to continue to rely on fossil fuels in the old way despite climate change and economic dependencies. Rather, it is precisely now that we should be thinking more about alternative energies and ways to save energy. 'It is simply time to rethink sustainably and look for real solutions!', Wagner appeals to the nature and life-related common sense of all responsible parties.

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