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Annex 4 to the Storage Contract

Restrictions of Use

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I. Storage Facility Reckrod

(1) The operation of the storage facility Reckrod is subject to technical restrictions, which temporarily limit the commercial use of the bookable storage capacities. Due to geological necessities, which result from the rock-mechanical marginal conditions at the location Reckrod, and in order to preserve the mountain's stability, the internal pressure in the cavern may not fall below a defined minimum internal pressure by the withdrawal of working gas for an unlimited period of time. This means that the internal pressure of the caverns 1, 2 and 3 must be kept greater than or equal to 100 bar over a consecutive period of three months. An internal pressure of 100 bar corresponds to a filling level (in relation to the working volume) of approx. 46%.

(2)

To ensure compliance with these restrictions, it is currently envisaged that the storage facility will be used in the period from 1st May to 30th September in that manner that at least the working gas

Month with required pressure maintenance	Minimum working gas volume Reckrod	Storage packages with restricted usability
	[million Nm ³]	[Stck.]
May	18,4	1.971
June	35,5	3.801
July	52,8	5.654
August	34,4	3.684
September	17,3	1.853

volumes listed in Table 1 will remain in storage over the three-month period.

Table 1: Minimum working gas volume per cavern and the resulting number of storage packages with restricted usability

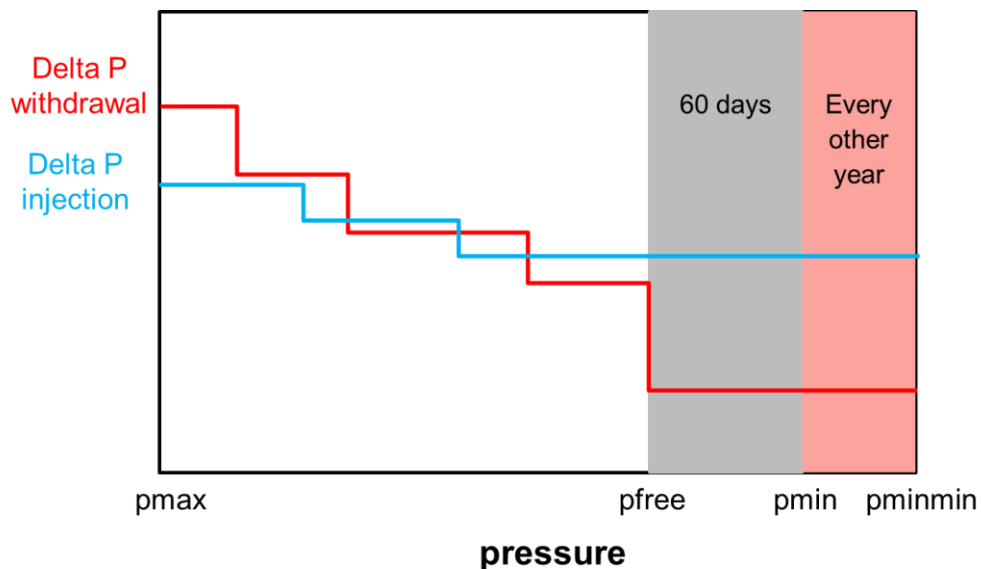
(3) The cavern head pressure may increase or decrease per cavern by a maximum of 10 bar within 24 hours.

II. Storage facility Etzel

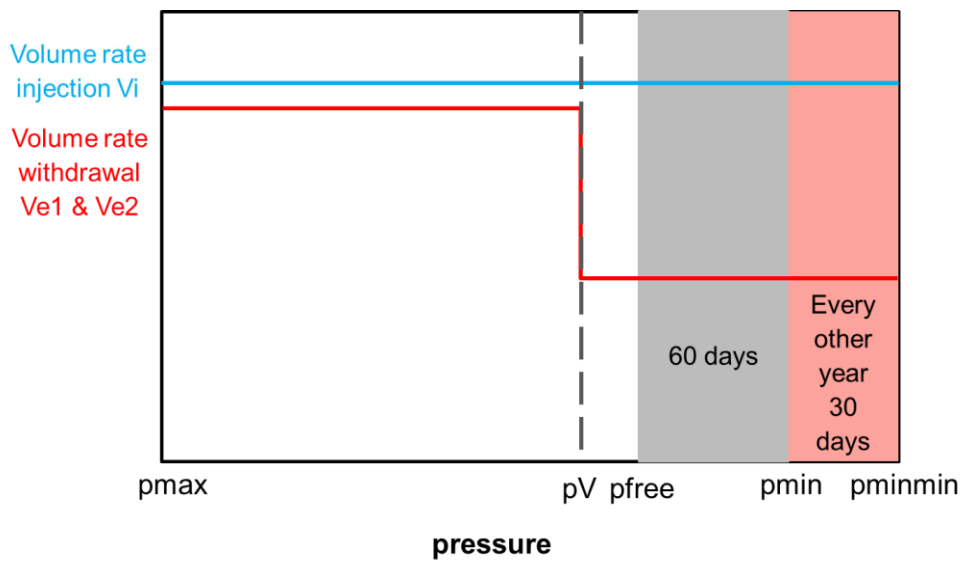
(1) For the storage facility Etzel, the following limits result from the rock-mechanical report:

- **Maximum pressure, p_{max}**
- **Limit free operating range, p_{free} :** Above this pressure, the cavern may be operated without time restrictions. Pressures below the limit of the free operating range may only be approached cumulatively for a maximum of 60 days in the moving annual period.
- **Minimum pressure, p_{min} :** Internal pressures below the minimum pressure may only be approached for a continuous period of a maximum of 30 days and only every other year.
- **Minimum pressure within a two-year-period, p_{minmin}**
- **Limit volume withdrawal rate 1, p_V :** Above this pressure V_{e1} , below V_{e2}
- **Volume withdrawal rate 1, V_{e1}**
- **Volume withdrawal rate 2, V_{e2}**
- **Volume injection rate, V_i**

Threshold diagram tranche I – pressure change rate



Threshold diagram tranche II/III – volume rates



The contracting parties will agree in due time before the start of storage use on the specific form of the resulting restrictions of use.

- (2) The Etzel storage facility is connected to the Dutch gas network both via NETRA using the Open Grid Europe / Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services system and via the Bunde-Etzel pipeline. The booked storage capacity and the related injection and withdrawal rates may only be used for storage purposes and under no circumstances for transport from and to the Netherlands.