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Subject: Exclusion – District heating pipelines

Question: Are pipelines for conveyance of district heating water covered by the directive?

Answer: No.

According to article 1 point 3.1 "...a system of piping designed for the conveyance of any fluid ...to or from an installation (onshore or offshore)" is excluded from the directive.

This covers pipelines for district heating, whereas standard pressure equipment in e.g. boiler houses and pumping stations are included (refer to guideline 1/17).

It has from the beginning been the intention that these pipelines should be excluded from the directive. This is obvious from the original Commission proposal from 1993-07-14, where, in the definitions (article 1 point 2.1.2), it is stated that "Piping" does not include pipelines and their accessories specifically designed for the conveyance of district heating fluids. This was later moved to the generalised exclusion in article 1 point 3.1.

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