Republic of Latvia

Cabinet

Regulation No. 186

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**Regulations Regarding the Use of the Section of Subterranean Depths of National Significance Inčukalns Natural Gas Storage**

*Issued pursuant to*

*Section 10, Paragraph eight and Section 12.1, Paragraph one of the law On Subterranean Depths*

1. The Regulation prescribes the section of subterranean depths of national significance Inčukalns Natural Gas Storage (hereinafter – the section) from the surface of the land to the crystalline bedrock AR-PR, the conditions for the use thereof, and restriction of rights.

2. This Regulation shall apply to the economic activity of any type which is performed deeper than 200 metres.

3. One licence for the use of subterranean depths for the entire section shall be issued for the use of subterranean depths.

4. If boreholes deeper than 200 metres are to be established in the section, it shall be agreed upon in writing with the combined natural gas transmission and storage system operator.

5. A landowner shall not restrict or disturb the performance of the exploration of the useful properties, monitoring, or use of the useful properties of subterranean depths. The licence recipient shall inform the relevant landowner in writing of the place and time for the performance of the exploration and monitoring works at least two weeks before commencing the works, except for the prevention, localisation, or elimination of emergency situations.

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