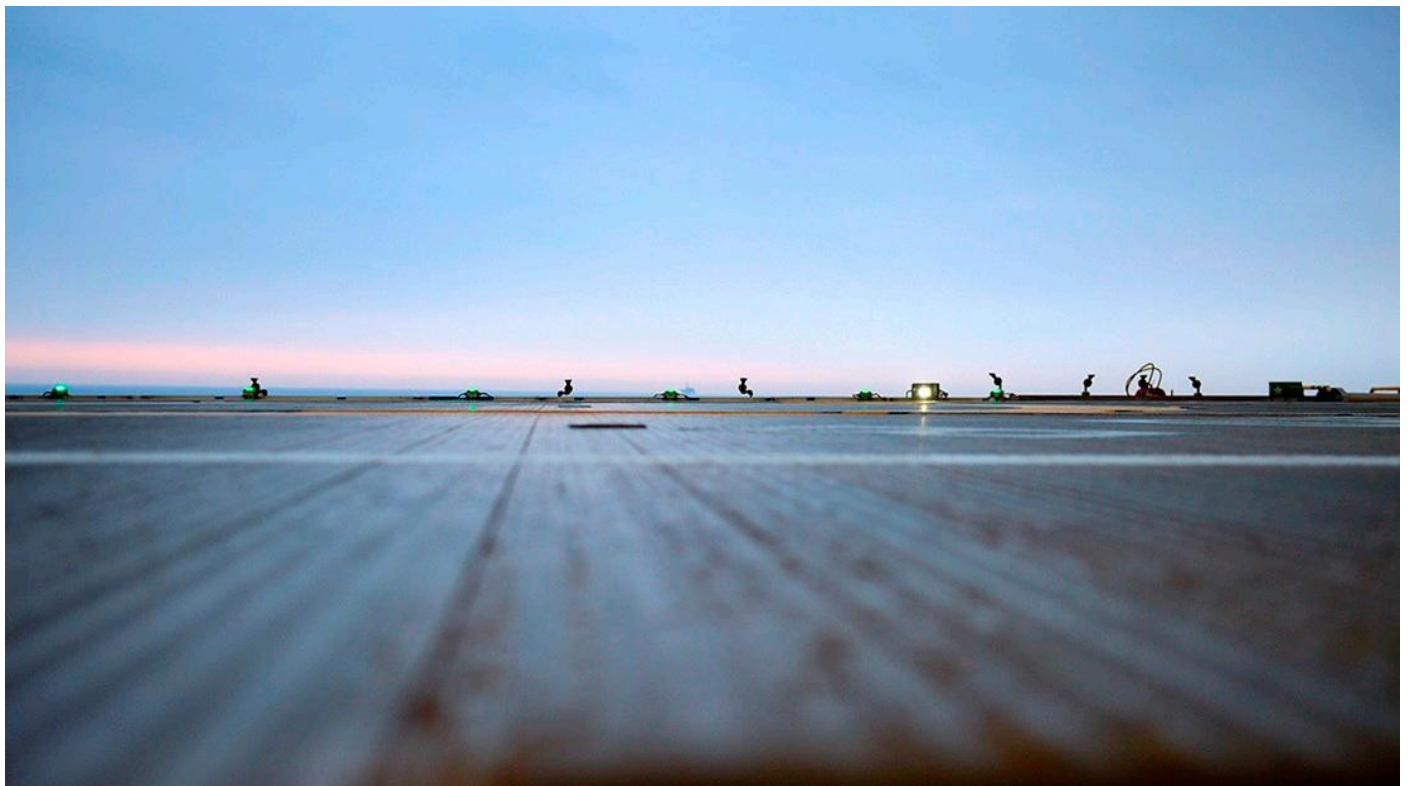




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# Equinor resumes helicopter flights on the Norwegian continental shelf

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Equinor, in consultation with the Civil Aviation Authority, has decided to resume flights with the Sikorsky S-92 helicopters to the installations on the Norwegian continental shelf (NCS).

After the tragic helicopter accident on Wednesday evening, the major operators on the NCS chose to suspend all flights to and from installations offshore in order to ensure complete understanding of the situation. Equinor has used the time to take care of relatives, review the situation, and make the necessary clarifications with the authorities and flight safety specialists to ensure that the flights can be resumed safely. The search and rescue service (SAR) has been operational throughout the period.



Kjetil Hove

"This serious incident affects us all. Flight safety and the safety of everyone travelling by helicopter is fundamental to our operations. Based on dialogue with the Civil Aviation Authority, there are no indications that helicopter safety on the NCS is reduced," says Kjetil Hove, executive vice president for Exploration & Production Norway.

A decision to resume flights requires coordination between the aviation authorities, helicopter operators, trade unions, and NCS operating companies. Based on this work, all the companies, coordinated through Offshore Norge, have decided to resume their flights.

"The unions and safety delegates are satisfied with the information we have received during the process. We thought it was right that flights were paused after the accident. When the authorities and other professional communities say that it is safe to start ordinary transport services, we must have great confidence in them and the decisions that have been made," says Baste Daltveit, coordinating head safety delegate for Equinor on the Norwegian continental shelf on behalf of unions and the safety delegates.

The Norwegian Safety Investigation Authority arrived in Bergen on Thursday morning and investigations have begun.

[Q&As and more information for travellers \(pdf\)](#)

**Previous announcement, 29 February at 17:39 CET:**

## **Status of the helicopter situation after the accident on 28 February 2024**

All flights to and from the Norwegian continental shelf have been suspended until Friday, 1 March at 10.00 CET.

- All flights are suspended until further notice.
- We are postponing the flight programme in Norway for the time being until Friday at 10.00 CET so that the Norwegian Safety Investigation Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority of Norway, Bristow and others have time to assess the situation.
- When Equinor together with the helicopter companies decide to resume the flights, everyone travelling offshore will receive information at the gate. It will also be possible to ask questions here.
- We are working closely with Bristow and CHC concerning the flight schedule going forward. Equinor has also suspended its flights with S-92 in the United Kingdom, Brazil and Canada until further notice.

### Cause of incident

- The cause of Wednesday's tragic accident is still unknown.
- The emergency response organisation at Sandsli (Bergen) is still mobilised.

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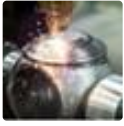


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