

Press Release

New study confirms extensive gas leaks in the North Sea Stricter guidelines for handling of abandoned wells recommended

! "#!\$%&'!(#!#!) *+, &- At abandoned oil & gas wells in the North Sea, considerable quantities of the potent greenhouse gas methane escape uncontrolled into the water. These leaks account for the dominant part of the total methane budget of the North Sea. This is shown in a new study recently published by researchers from the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel in the . / 0, 1 / 20+ 3 / 2! \$ 3% 1 / 2! 34! 51, , / 63% 7, ! 527! 83 / 013&. It confirms earlier studies based on a greatly extended data basis.

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