

## Swedish Government Rejects 13 Offshore Wind Farm Projects

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The Swedish government has announced the rejection of 13 applications for offshore wind farm projects in the Baltic Sea, south of the Sea of Åland.

The decision was made due to concerns about potential impacts on national defense. Despite the potential for clean energy generation and the inclusion of precautionary measures in the project proposals, the government prioritized national security interests.

Climate and Environment Minister Romina Pourmokhtari stated that the government carefully considered expert opinions and public input before making its decision. Defense Minister Pål Jonson emphasized the importance of national security in light of the current geopolitical situation.

As a result of this decision, Hexicon's joint venture company, Freja Offshore, will terminate work on its Cirrus and Dyning projects in Sweden. However, the company remains committed to its other projects, including the Mareld wind farm, which is currently under review by the Swedish government.

This development highlights the complex interplay between energy transition goals and national security concerns. While renewable energy projects are essential for a sustainable future, governments must also consider broader geopolitical factors when making decisions about critical infrastructure.