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**Fast track for  
new nuclear  
power = fast**

# track for mine in Oviken

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The Government is appointing an inquiry to see how new nuclear power can be simplified and facilitated.

Investigator Pernilla Sandgren will, among other things, investigate how the permit applications can be speeded up!

He will also investigate how the fees should be adapted to reactor size and technology choices.

At a press conference last week, Minister for Energy and Enterprise Ebba Busch was asked if it was realistic to break ground for new nuclear power before 2026.

Her answer was "that's probably reasonable".

About a month ago, news broke that they are investigating lifting the ban on uranium mining that came in 2018. There is now a majority in the Riksdag in favour of lifting the ban.

Ebba Busch (KD) then commented that the government is "open to and sees the need for

uranium mining in Sweden", and that they will return to the issue.

At the turn of the year, a new law will come into force which means that it is possible to build reactors basically anywhere in our country and in large numbers.

Credit guarantees have been introduced to build new nuclear power plants of SEK 400 billion.

Last year, state-owned Vattenfall started a feasibility study on small modular reactors.

And despite the fact that the study is far from complete, the company has started a procurement of reactors.

In other words, we are rapidly moving towards an expanded Swedish nuclear power plant.

A nuclear power that already imports all the uranium used from Kazakhstan and other countries.

In the mine that is now being planned in Oviken, it has always been emphasized that the uranium that exists is not profitable to mine.

But it is vanadium and other rare metals used for battery manufacturing that are of interest.

Metals that today often come from Russia, China or conflict areas in Africa.

With the expansion of nuclear power comes an increased need for uranium.

This means that a mine in Oviken suddenly becomes even more attractive economically.

At the same time as world market prices and demand for vanadium and other rare metals are increasing, uranium that is mined is going from being a by-product that must be disposed of to becoming something that can be sold.

I've written it before in my editorials. When the government, regardless of which political majority is in power, makes the assessment that a mine is needed to secure vital Swedish interests.

Then they will ride roughshod over municipal vetoes and all the regulatory approvals that are currently required to start a mine.

In just a few weeks, the company that wants to open a mine will hold a consultation meeting to which all residents in the area are invited.

It presents how planned mining operations are envisioned in a large area at Önsta and Häggån in Oviken.

Noticed that Jimmy Åkesson had an AI clone that gave a speech in Arabic this week.

One can have many views on Åkesson and his moves.

But he doesn't seem to have any self-awareness.

And despite the involvement of Artificial Intelligence, it was probably among the least

intelligent things that were done by any Swedish party leader last week.

And the competition was fierce there!

SD and its party leaders get off too easily in the debate.

Åkesson talks and talks, but where is the workshop?

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