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# **Mine in Oviken – could be a quick government**

# issue that paves the way for more mines

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Recently, the news came that the Swedish Mining Inspectorate has once again said no to a fluorite mine in Storuman.

The agency did this already last year, but was then given homework by the government.

This led to the Mining Inspectorate taking a new approach and again investigating the mining plans.

But even this time they came to the same decision as before, a mine in the area is impossible because of the reindeer herding that is conducted in the area.

In an interview with SR, Minister for Energy and Enterprise Ebba Busch states with disappointment that the Mining Authority's decision stands.

But also notes that the direction of travel is clear, we are paving the way for more mines in Sweden regardless of this individual case!

In other words, we can count on the government not intending to let various authorities and courts stand in the way of new mines in our country in the future.

We have a government that wants to lock itself into building nuclear power, something that will be financed by you and I contributing the majority of the money for the expansion.

The government wants nuclear power, nuclear power requires uranium.

Uranium that is currently imported.

We will have a green transition that requires rare metals for battery production, among other things.

Metals that we also import today.

No matter how I twist and turn this, it only leads to a fast track for a mine in Oviken.

I would be extremely surprised if, after the setback surrounding the mine in Storuman, our government does not sit down and develop a plan for how to zigzag its way past existing regulations and authorities when it comes to mining establishments in our country.

For Ebba Busch, the direction of travel is clear, there will be more mines in Sweden!

An application for a mining concession for a mine in Oviken is already with the Mining Inspectorate.

That mine could supply Sweden with the entire country's need for uranium.

Uranium mining was banned in 2018, but the current government wants to tear up the decision!

Uranium and rare metals are just waiting to be mined in Oviken.

Incidentally, a sparsely populated area with as many voters as a really small municipality in the south!

Not much to worry about!

Now it is a matter of national interest in securing desirable raw materials.

And then the government has the power to make a real mess with the regulations.

I hope I'm wrong, but unfortunately I think I'm right.

Considering that an open-pit mine at Önsta ends up a few kilometers as the crow flies from my house in Månsåsen, I am understandably not a mine-hugger.

That said, I am convinced that a mine will be in place by 2030 at the latest.

No matter what the local opinion thinks!



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