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Colombia publishes rules for geothermal energy

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Colombia has published new regulations governing electricity generation from geothermal sources as it ratchets up efforts to diversify its energy mix.

The decree, signed by energy minister Diego Mesa, established guidelines related to permitting,

prospecting, terms of reference and environmental no-go zones, among other considerations.

In the coming months, the incoming administration of Gustavo Petro, who takes office Sunday, is expected to publish detailed technical and contractual requirements for developers.

More information, in Spanish, [can be seen here](#)

According to data from the Colombian geological service, the country boasts stored geothermal resources of around 138.6 exajoules, equivalent to 1.17GW of power generation capacity.

Last year, Canadian oil and gas producer Parex Resources began operating the country's first pilot geothermal power plant in the central-eastern region of Casanare.

The 100kW facility, a joint venture with the mines and energy ministry, generates up to 72MWh of electricity a month.

Other pilot projects are being developed by Parex and state-run oil

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