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I am pleased to submit my review report for the manuscript entitled “Techno-economic Evaluation of Subsea Pipeline Protection Methods under Caspian Sea Conditions” (Manuscript ID: 2681387), which was assigned to me for evaluation.

Please find attached my detailed comments and recommendations. I hope that my review will be helpful to the authors and assist in the editorial decision-making process.

Should you require any further clarification regarding my comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript.

Best regards,

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## Invitation to Review Manuscript [2681387]

Dear Van-Thinh Nguyen,

Greetings from **Science Journal of Energy Engineering** (<http://www.sciencepg.com/journal/sjee>).

We have received a manuscript titled "**Techno-economic evaluation of subsea pipeline protection methods under caspian sea conditions**".

(The abstract appears at the end of this email.)

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**Abstract:** The safe and reliable operation of subsea oil and gas pipelines in the Caspian Sea is governed by complex interactions between environmental, geotechnical, and operational factors. This study develops an integrated, risk-based framework for pipeline integrity assessment that couples analytical corrosion modelling, scour and burial mechanics, and hydrodynamic stability analysis with a probabilistic techno-economic decision model. Unlike conventional integrity studies, which treat degradation and cost estimation as separate qualitative exercises, the present approach propagates physical degradation parameters — corrosion growth rate, scour depth, and failure probability — directly into a Monte Carlo lifecycle-cost simulation, yielding reproducible and uncertainty-aware results. The framework is applied to a representative 30 km pipeline section under region-specific Caspian conditions, comparing two protection strategies: concrete weight coating and trenching with backfilling. Simplified analytical formulations are presented for CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>S corrosion kinetics, remaining wall thickness and burst-pressure decline, scour-driven burial demand, and hydrodynamic loading. Results show that concrete weight coating offers lower capital cost (≈36 million USD) and shorter installation time (≈8 months) but higher risk exposure, whereas trenching provides superior mechanical protection and lower risk-related cost (≈2.5 vs. 4 million USD) at a higher total investment (≈57.5 million USD) and longer execution time (≈11 months). The Monte Carlo analysis confirms a clear separation between the two cost distributions, providing a quantitative, probabilistic basis for protection-strategy selection.

Best regards,

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