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Natural Gas Is Key to Ridding the Czech Republic of Smog

- Locally, boilers firing solid fuels are the source of the heaviest pollution in the Czech Republic
- 2016 was marked by growth in natural gas consumption
- Every new gas service pipe reduces the amount of released particulates by 250 kg per year

Prague, 9 May 2017 – The ending heating season has brought a double of smog days to the Czech Republic compared with last year. Smog control was even declared in various parts of the country 23 times. For the first time in 20 years, it was also declared in Prague last January. Experts concur that local furnaces are responsible for 70 percent of polluted air in the population’s breathing zones. The Cabinet, the Regions, and gas companies are therefore all appealing to households now; they are incentivising people to replace old boilers firing solid fuels through subsidies of hundreds of thousands, restrictions, and also special offers to arrange all that is needed when switching to natural gas.