

## **Novovoronezh nuclear power plant stops fifth power unit for maintenance**

*Planned maintenance.*

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Power unit No. 5 at the Novovoronezh nuclear power plant was stopped at 06:41 on Tuesday for planned repairs, the unit director, Viktor Boldyrev said.

The power plant specialists plan to replace 25 percent of nuclear fuel, to hold maintenance works and check the plant's systems and equipment during the shutdown time, which will last 45 days.

The fifth power unit with a VVER-1000 water-cooled water-moderated reactor was commissioned in May 1980. It was the first power unit with one-million-kilowatt capacity in the domestic nuclear energy industry.

At present, power unit No. 3 of the Novovoronezh nuclear power plant is generating electric power. Its capacity exceeds 417,000 kilowatt. The fourth power unit also was halted for planned repairs earlier.

The radiation inside and outside the nuclear power plant is normal, the official said