ARMENIAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CAN SMOOTHLY OPERATE UNTIL 2026, SAYS RUSSIAN EXPERT

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The Armenian Nuclear Power Plants reactor system can smoothly operate until 2026, according to Vladimir Bredov – the head of the Russian side of the plants lifecycle extension project.

Bredov was commenting on the Armenian NPPs re-connection to the countrys energy system after the NPPs planned maintenance works.

According to him the conclusion of the expert group was reached as a result of operation supervision and necessary engineering calculations.

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Today, the automated blocks equipment are entirely changes, which has allowed to increase energy generation up to 15% with the same expenses. Works continue, and we can say that as a result of the project Armenia will have a nuclear power plant equipped with modern equipment and in line with global safety standards. This all will become possible as a result of the harmonious work and professionalism of the Armenian and Russian nuclear experts, Bredov said.

In turn, Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures Hakob Vardanyan said that after the planned-preventive repair, thanks to the professional work of Armenian and Russian experts, the NPP was connected to the countrys energy system 60 hours in advance from the schedule.

The Armenian NPP is a strategically-significant facility for Armenia with more than 1/3 of Armenias electricity energy being produced here. Providing the population with electric energy under acceptable tariffs is a energy and economic security issue for us, Vardanyan said.

The Metsamor NPP was re-connected to the countrys energy system on September 8, 2019.

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