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The world's first nuclear power plant in Obninsk, which was shut down in 2002 to house a nuclear power museum.

The world's first nuclear power plant with a capacity of five megawatts began operating in Obninsk, 54 years ago today, on June 27, 1959. The city soon became a hub of nuclear innovation and provided the blueprint for the expansion of nuclear power in the U.S.S.R.

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