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Workers at the Sayano-Shushenskaya power plant during the construction of a sluice pipe for a turbo generator unit.

Thirty-five years ago, on Dec. 19, 1978, the Sayano–Shushenskaya Dam went into operation, the largest power plant in Russia at the time of its launch. The plant has suffered several major accidents, the largest of which took place on Aug. 17, 2009, when one of the plant's turbines broke apart, causing an explosion that killed 75 people.

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