

Second Russian Nuclear Plant Taken Down After Malfunction

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Three units have been unplugged at a nuclear power plant in Russia after a short circuit, less than a week after another nuclear plant unit was briefly taken down in the country over an unspecified malfunction.

Russia operates 10 nuclear power plants, including the four-reactor Kalinin plant 350 kilometers northwest of Moscow, according to the London-based World Nuclear Association.

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Kalinin's first, second and fourth reactors were taken offline, Russia's state-run TASS news agency <u>reported</u>, citing emergency services in the town of Udomlya on Thursday.

The Tver region branch of Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry <u>told</u> the agency the three reactors were taken down due to a short-circuit.

"The radiation level at the station and surrounding territory remains without change and is in line with normal background levels," said Rosenergoatom, a subsidiary of state nuclear corporation Rosatom, in a statement.

Last Friday, a nuclear power plant reactor in Beloyarsk was <u>knocked out</u>, triggered by a safety mechanism. It <u>resumed</u> operations on Tuesday.

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