

Russian Nuclear Plant Taken Down After Safety System Error

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Block 4 of Russia's Beloyarsk nuclear power station in the Urals mountains was switched off on Sunday following a "false" response by the safety system, a subsidiary of state nuclear corporation Rosatom said.

It said the block was halted at 09.15 (0415 GMT).

"The stoppage was carried out under a routine algorithm," Rosenergoatom said in a statement, adding the radiation background at the station and surrounding areas was in line with usual levels.

The plant was opened in 1964.

Last month, a Russian nuclear power plant northwest of Moscow turned off three of its four generating units after a transformer short circuited. They have returned to operation since.

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