

Nuclear projects of ROSATOM and Franco-Russian cooperation in nuclear

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 - Russian nuclear power development programme
 - International projects of ROSATOM
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- Russia-France Cooperation

OVERVIEW OF ROSATOM

RED INVESTMENT 4.5% of revenue 250 000 EMPLOYEES The content of his presentation is for discussion purposes only. It does not constitute an offer of services, nor does it impose, or lead to, any obligations on Rosatom or is The content of his presentation is for discussion purposes only. It does not constitute an offer of services, nor does it impose, or lead to, any obligations on Rosatom or is attiliates. Rosatom expressly disclaims responsibility for any errors, inaccuracies or omissions in respect of the information contained herein.

ROSATOM AT A GLANCE

140.0 Bn USD 10-YEAR PORTFOLIO OF OVERSEAS ORDERS

RUSSIAN DESIGNED NPPs AVOIDED

210 M tonnes of CO₂eq



REVENUE

36 UNITS

ABROAD

17.8 Bn USD

IN IMPLEMENTATION



NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES CONTRIBUTE TO UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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Nuclear power plants – clean and affordable energy, combat climate change, industry and economic growth



Nuclear Medicine & Isotope products – good health and well-being



Desalination and water treatment – clean water & sanitation



Multipurpose irradiation centers – zero hunger and good health and well being



Centers for Nuclear Science & Technologies – innovation, infrastructure and industry development, good health and well-being and education



Source: Climate change and nuclear power 2018 IAEA

Iran Hungary Bulgaria India **VVER NPP UNITS** The content of this presentation is for discussion purposes only. It does not constitute an offer of services, nor does it impose, or lead to, any obligations on Rosatom or its 7

Finland

Ukraine

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Russian Federation

China

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Armenia

ROSATOM: ALL THAT IS NUCLEAR

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RUSSIAN-DESIGNED

NPP UNITS HAVE BEEN

BUILT GLOBALLY



OF WHICH

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Czech

Republic

Slovakia

KEEPING THE PACE: THE ONLY COMPANY IMPLEMENTING SERIAL NPP CONSTRUCTION GLOBALLY



15 NPP UNITS IN **14** YEARS CONNECTED TO THE GRID



KEEPING THE PACE: NEW PROJECTS UNDERWAY



PROJECT PORTFOLIO:

| 36 UNITS | IN IMPLEMENTATION |
|----------|-------------------|
| 12 | COUNTRIES |



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RUSSIAN FAST NEUTRON POWER REACTORS





UNIT 3 OF BELOYARSK NPP: BN-600



BN-600 HIGHLIGHTS

Fuel: UO2

- Start of construction in 1969. Power start-up in 1980
- BN-600 is routinely operated for decades: Lifetime-average capacity factor: 74.5%
- 10 years licence extension granted in 2010, extension for 5 years (until 2025) granted last year. LTO until 2040 is envisaged.

BN-600 Capacity Factor in 1980-2017



MODERN MARKET REQUIREMENTS BRING SPECIFIC DEMAND FOR NEW ENERGY SOLUTIONS



BASIC NEEDS:

- stable generation
- costs predictability
- low-carbon energy source

NEW REALITY

 EASY GRID CONNECTION
 FLEXIBLE PLACEMENT
 MULTI-PURPOSE APPLICATION
 INTEGRATION WITH RENEWABLES SMALL MODULAR REACTORS (SMR) SOLUTION TO FIT COUNTRIES NEEDS

ROSATOM WAS THE 1ST IN THE WORLD TO COMMISSION AN SMR

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FIRST FLOATING NPP IN THE WORLD



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PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE VVER

PARTICULAR FEATURES OF VVERs VS. "WESTERN" PWRs

Reactor core:

- Historically, **railroads** were the limiting factor for the RPV diameter → relatively small core → higher enrichment
- · Two levels of reactor coolant piping connection to the RPV
- No penetrations in the bottom of the RPV
- Core: triangular lattice → hexagonal fuel assemblies
- Hydrogen-to-heavy-metal-ratio (H/HM): ~3.8 for VVERs, ~3.5 for PWRs

Steam generators:

- Horizontal steam generators → originally larger volume of the reactor building (hence no containment in the first VVERs)
- No need to replace the horizontal steam generators for 60 years

Fuel pool:

 In typical VVER the spent fuel pool is located in the reactor building (capacity of about 390 FA, ~10 years). Separate fuel building is also proposed now





PARTICULAR FEATURES OF VVERs VS. "WESTERN" PWRs





PARTICULAR FEATURES OF VVERs VS. "WESTERN" PWRs



Reactor coolant piping is one of the key components of the primary circuit of the nuclear power plant, ensuring circulation of the coolant under pressure and at high temperatures between the RPV, the SG and the MCP





| | REP 900 MWe | VVER 1000 MWe |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Internal diameter, mm | 787 | 850 |
| External diameter, mm | 931 | 990 |
| Wall width, mm | 72 | 70 |
| Nominal pressure, bar | 155 | 157 |
| Core outlet temperature, °C | 323,2 | 321 |
| Nominal flow rate per loop, m3/h | 21 250 | 21 500 |

VVERs STEAM GENERATORS



Horizontal steam generators in VVER type reactors:



1 — Feed water inlet (secondary circuit)

2 — Heat-exchange tubes

3 — Vertical collector (for horizontal SG) and horizontal tubeplate (vertical SG), inlet and outlet of the primary coolant

4 — Most probable places of sludge deposition

STEAM GENERATOR: HORIZONTAL VS VERTICAL



| | VERTICAL STEAM GENERATORS | HORIZONTAL STEAM GENERATORS |
|------------|--|--|
| ADVANTAGES | The thermal efficiency of vertical SG is higher Vertical disposition allows more compact disposition of equipment and thus smaller containment building | + Low vibrations + Support on large surface + Seismic stability + Significantly less sediments (sludge) + Easy SG replacement (no need to make a hole in the containment) + Material of the tubes: 08Cr18Ni10T steel (equiv. AISI 321 ou Z8CNT18-10) with ~10% Ni (cost) + Large water inventory + Long service life (no replacement) |
| CHALLENGES | Horizontal tubeplate on which sediments (sludge) is accumulated; Possible vibrations due to high velocity of water in the secondary circuit | Lower theoretical efficiency Large containment needed |

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CORE CATCHERS IN VVERs

- The core catcher is placed below the reactor vessel and protects the containment against the impact of the corium (temperature well above 2000°C)
- It retains the debris and ensures cooldown by (passive) heat transfers to the surrounding water: ensures long-term cooling and solidification of the molten core
- The corium is mixed with a neutron absorbent in order to avoid re-criticality within the core catcher
- Core catcher significantly reduces the H2 generation (typically by a factor 4)
- The crust formed on the surface of the corium reduces considerably the transfer of radionuclides into the containment



Used in all recent VVER-1000 and VVER-1200 projects



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CONCLUSIONS FOR VVER TECHNOLOGY SECTION



- VVER nuclear power plants have continually improved over the past 50 years and have demonstrated high level of safety and reliability
- NPPs with VVER-1200 reactors have been designed taking into account the latest developments in technology and requirements in terms of safety and security
- The fundamental functions of nuclear safety is ensured by a combination of multiple systems, both active and passive
- VVER designers have already developed, before the Fukushima accident, the safety features of nuclear power plants, commonly suggested for new NPPs after the accident
- Unit No. 1 of Novovoronezh II plant is the first Generation 3+ reactor that has achieved criticality on May 20, 2016.; it was followed by Unit #2 and two units at Leningrad II

WORLD'S FIRST GEN 3+ VVER-1200 REACTORS





NOVOVORONEZH II NPP

Novovoronezh 2-1 entered commercial operation in February 2017

Novovoronezh 2-2 entered commercial operation in October 2019

LENINGRAD II NPP

Leningrad 2-1 entered commercial operation in October 2018

Leningrad 2-2 entered commercial operation in March 2021

RUSSIA-FRANCE COOPERATION

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RUSSIA AND FRANCE JOIN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP CLEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY WORLDWIDE

Russia and France has been cooperating in nuclear energy since 1970s Up to 1 billion Euro of French content per one Russian VVFR NPP unit Russia's Rosatom has in 2019 become a supplier of primary circuit equipment for French NPPs This strategic cooperation is highly supported by Presidents of Russia and France

Signing of Strategic Document on Partnership in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between Russia and France in 2018

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FRENCH CONTENT IN ROSATOM'S GEN 3+ NUCLEAR NEW BUILD PROJECTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE LIST)

« Aujourd'hui, la filière [française] exporte parce qu'elle parvient à exporter ses savoir-faire sur d'autres designs, en particulier sur les projets VVER en Europe. De l'ingénierie au contrôle commande, Rosatom s'appuie sur la filière française pour son développement à l'étranger. »

« Quand décider d'un renouvellement du parc nucléaire Français ? », Note de Société Française d'Energie Nucléaire, Avril 2019

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