
IAEA SUPPORTS ARMENIAN NPP EXTENSION

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The review supports the plants request to ANRA for permission to extend operation of Unit 2 by an additional 10 years, until September 2036.

An International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safety Aspects of Long Term Operation (SALTO) has completed a review of long-term operational safety of the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant (ANPP). The team reviewed the plants preparedness, organisation and programmes for safe long-term operation (LTO), taking into account a previous SALTO mission conducted in 2018 and a follow-up mission in 2021.

The review mission was requested by ANPP and focused on aspects essential to the safe LTO of ANPP unit 2, which is a pressurised-water reactor that went into commercial operation in 1980. ANPP unit 1 was permanently shut down in 1989. In October 2021, the Armenian Nuclear Regulatory Authority (ANRA) issued a permit for unit 2 to operate until September 2026. ANPP has requested permission from ANRA to operate the unit for an additional 10 years, until September 2036.

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