

A recent report by the Center for Energy and Clean Air Research and Greenpeace shows that the Nikola Tesla coal-fired thermal power plant is the ninth largest emitter of sulfur dioxide in the world, from industrial plants that use coal as the main emergent. Domestic experts warn that because of that, the situation with air pollution is alarming. Pollution from the Nikola Tesla Thermal Power Plant has been attacking the lungs of citizens for decades. That the situation is worrying is shown by the fact that in the world race in which 25 countries are marked as the largest emitters of sulfur dioxide in the air, Serbia is placed eighteenth. The data show that in 2019, the Serbian power plant emitted 309 kilotons of sulfur dioxide. The Regulatory Institute for Renewable Energy and the Environment says that this is a problem that the state does not solve, despite numerous appeals.

“You have official EPS reports on the state of the environment for 2018 and 2019, which confirm that thermal power plants emit six times more sulfur dioxide than allowed, this problem has existed for years and every year the results are less – more the same, This confirms that this problem is not approached in a serious way and that, unfortunately, there are no indications that something will change in the near future “, says Jovan Rajić from the Regulatory Institute for Renewable Energy and Environment RERI.

The research that was published shows that no country of the European Union was above Serbia in terms of pollution, even though they are industrial giants such as India, China, Russia and the USA. And whether and when the authorities will take serious steps to solve the problem is still unknown. Because the answer to those questions for N1 did not come from the Minister of Energy, Aleksandar Antić. Meanwhile, experts warn that the pollution emitted by coal-fired power plants is a consequence of non-compliance with regulations.

“First of all, the National Plan for Emission Reduction, which Serbia has committed to implement and which clearly prescribes the maximum allowable emissions in the period from 2018 to 2027 from these plants, and with which we are obliged to comply, nor has it been adopted. in the procedure in which it should, nor are the limits prescribed by it respected, it speaks of the attitude towards this document and the attitude towards the environment and human health “, says Rajić.

Coal-fired power plants are not the only polluter of Serbian air. Because of the Ironworks, those who live in Smederevo and Radinac have such a problem. The situation is not better in Bor either, because for two years now, the citizens in that city have been complaining about the air they breathe due to the excessive amount of heavy metals. Otherwise, in the mentioned cases, the state has not taken concrete steps so far.

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## Alarming situation due to air pollution in Serbia