

The Bulgarian Council of Ministers has announced on September 2 that it had updated the country's strategy for treating spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste. The strategic paper covers the period until 2030 and has been prepared in accordance with the European directives for creating a common framework for treating spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste.

According to the new strategy, the spent nuclear fuel should be recycled for the extraction of valuable components.

Bulgaria's only nuclear power plant – Kozloduy NPP, which operates two 1000-megawatt VVER units each, has a contract with Russia's TVEL for the treatment of spent nuclear fuel, which is afterwards returned for storage in Bulgaria. The country should soon have a new contract for the waste and spent fuel management, with TVEL and France's Areva having stated their interest, Mediapool wrote.

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