

Director of Electric Power Industry of Serbia Milorad Grčić discussed in Kostolac with the representatives of local communities located in the vicinity of TPP-OCM Kostolac capacities about the continuation of implementation of environmental projects that will improve living conditions of the residents.

- We want to solve together all potential problems that trouble the residents of Kostolac and surrounding areas. Electric Power Industry of Serbia is socially responsible company. We have invested about EUR 200 million in environmental projects so far, and according to the long-term plan we will invest about billion euros in environmental protection by 2025 - said Grčić at the meeting also attended by Bane Spasović, Mayor of Požarevac and members of EPS management.

Grčić emphasized the priority of modernization of capacities in Kostolac.

- In Thermal Power Plant Kostolac B both units were revitalized and electrostatic precipitators were installed. That reduced the pollution level below the minimum stipulated by the law and European standards. The construction of new FGD facility is soon to be completed and when

it is put into operation the emission of sulfur-dioxide will be below 200 milligrams per cubic meter, which is in line with the European norms - said Grčić.

The project for closing ash disposal site Central Kostolac Island is being implemented and it will completely eliminate the problem of ash particles distribution from Thermal Power Plant Kostolac A. In Thermal Power Plant Kostolac B the construction of new unit of 350 MW capacity

worth USD 578 million is being prepared and it will be financed from the phase II of Chinese loan arrangement.

- All these investments and works guarantee future of thermal power plants in Kostolac, and without mines there would be no thermal power plants. This also guarantees the future of Požarevac and Kostolac and thus better conditions are created for the life of all residents - emphasized EPS Acting Director.

Grčić thanked the representatives of local communities for joint struggle for the improvement of living conditions, continuing the improvement of EPS, the Republic of Serbia and therefore the welfare of families living in the vicinity of Kostolac.