
ARMENIA SHOWS INTEREST IN U.S. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

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A team of Armenian officials will travel to the United States soon to explore the possibility of building a U.S.-designed new nuclear power station in Armenia that would replace the aging plant at Metsamor.

Metsamors sole functioning reactor, which generates roughly 40 percent of the countrys electricity, went into service in 1980 and is due to be decommissioned in 2036. The Armenian government announced in April 2022 plans to build a new nuclear plant by that time.

The chief executive of Russias state nuclear company Rosatom, which has helped to modernize Metsamors 420-megawatt reactor, visited Yerevan twice in the following weeks to discuss the ambitious project with Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian.

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