

The Government of the Republic of Srpska opposes the possibility of construction of a radioactive waste dump site at the location Trgovinska gora, in the Municipality of Dvor, located on the border between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Government of the Republic of Srpska has announced the implementation of all necessary measures for making this project impossible.

The Minister of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology of the Republic of Srpska, Mrs. Srebrenka Golić, confirmed that at the end of the previous week, she had sent a protest letter to her Croatian colleague Mihael Zmajlović because Croatia had not informed the authorities in BiH about the intention to build a radioactive waste dump site near Novi Grad. "It is inhumane to even talk about storing radioactive waste at the location which is only 3.5 km, and even less as the crow flies, away from the center of a municipality that has 28.799 inhabitants", Minister Golić said. She added that she had informed the Serbian member of the Presidency of BiH, Mladen Ivanić, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Igor Crnadak, about her future moves.

"I want to say to the citizens of Novi Grad and the surrounding municipalities that they will get the greatest possible support from the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology and that we will not allow, above all, people's lives and health, and then also the environment, to be jeopardized in any way", said Golić.

In her opinion, the location Trgovinska gora does not satisfy the standards for storing radioactive waste because of the area's population density. She called the letter that appeared in public, in which she agreed to the construction of the waste disposal site, a political machination.

Croatia owns 50 percent of the nuclear power plant Krško and uses 50 percent of the generated electricity, and accordingly, it has to dispose of one half of the waste produced by the operation of the nuclear power plant.

Croatia chose Trgovinska gora as one of the best locations for this, which the local community also opposes. The Mayor of Petrinja, Darinko Dumbović, started a petition "No to Nuclear Waste at Trgovinska gora", claiming that the waste disposal site would endanger the citizens of Petrinja, too.