

Croatia: Trgovska Gora as radioactive waste management center for NPP Krsko

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Former army barracks at Trgovska Gora will be established as a radioactive waste management center for nuclear power plant Krsko. The project is approved by the Ministry of Environment and Energy. The location is in the municipality of Dvor na Uni, near the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

The statement from the fund said that during the implementation of the project it would permanently cooperate with the local community and the general public as well as with stakeholders across the border. BiH municipalities that are located on the border with Croatia and gravitate towards the Una river fear that radioactive waste from Trgovska Gora would pollute the environment on both sides of the border and harm the health of local residents. However, the fund stressed that by establishing the center, Croatia will manage the radioactive waste in a safe, systematic and tested way.

Croatian program for the implementation of a strategy for the management of radioactive waste has been submitted to the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM), which is expected to evaluate it, while BiH is seeking guarantees that the program will not have a negative impact on the country. NPP Krsko is located in Slovenia, but co-owned by the two countries, meaning that Croatia receives 50 % of the plant's output, as well as even split of radioactive waste. Slovenia offered to built joint waste management center in the plant's vicinity, but Croatia opted for building the center by itself on another location.