

The Ministry of Mining and Energy announced today that Elektroprivreda Srbije and other energy companies are absolutely behaving in line with the measures foreseen by the National Emission Reduction Plan (NERP) and implementing projects covered by the plan domain.

When it comes to the adoption of the National Emission Reduction Plan, the ministry said that the Ministry of Environment, which is responsible for proposing the plan to the Government, should answer this question.

The National Emission Reduction Plan (NERP) has been agreed between the Ministry of Mining and Energy, the Ministry of Environment and all companies operating in the energy sector of Serbia, the ministry said.

The Energy Community (EC) Secretariat has launched a preliminary procedure against Serbia for partial implementation of the Large Combustion Plants Directive on compliance with certain emission limits, which came into force on 1 January 2018.

According to a statement issued today by 16 existing plants with large combustion plants in Serbia, nine have failed to comply with the provisions of this Directive.

The EC states that for existing large combustion plants there are two ways of applying this Directive - either to align individual installations with the sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and dust emission limits or to implement the National Emission Reduction Plan (NERP).

It is indicated that the Secretariat approved the Serbian National Emission Reduction Plan (NERP) in 2016 and has repeatedly petitioned the Serbian authorities to adopt the plan in recent years, which did not happen.