

As a precautionary measure after a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit neighboring Croatia, Slovenia's sole nuclear power plant Krsko was shut down.

The statement from the plant said that the shutdown is standard procedure in the event of a strong earthquake. First inspections showed that the safety of the plant was not compromised.

The plant is currently in a safe shutdown. Preventive system and equipment inspections will take place. There are still no information on when the plant will be put back into operation. NPP Krsko is owned by GEN Energija and Croatian power utility HEP, where the two companies own equal stakes. NPP Krsko was put in commercial operation in 1983 and it should be in operation until 2023, but both countries are planning to extend plant's operational life by additional 20 years. The plant provides approximately 40 % of Slovenia's total electricity output.