
EDF has received approval from the Nuclear Safety Authority to continue operating Fessenheim reactor n°2 and will complete the required work.

The French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN) allows EDF to continue operating reactor n°2 at the Fessenheim nuclear power station beyond its third ten-year inspection.

EDF will carry out the work imposed by the ASN within the stipulated deadlines.

This positive operating notification follows the ten-year inspection conducted between April 2011 and March 2012. The regulatory ten-year inspection consists of an exhaustive "check-up" of the installations, after every ten years of operation, carried out under the supervision of the ASN, and resulting into a strengthened safety level for the installations in accordance with the most recent standards. This shut down, exceptional in terms of the extent of the monitoring (regarding compliance as well as safety) and the work carried out, provides a means of checking components that are essential to the safety of the installations: the reactor vessel, the reactor building and the primary circuit.

All work required will be completed within the deadlines fixed by the ASN. Some work will be completed on the occasion of the planned outage of reactor n°2, scheduled for July 2013.

In July 2011, the ASN gave its approval of operation for reactor n°1 at the power station. This authorisation was also subject to technical requirements involving the work now being conducted by EDF.

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