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Clarification on the stress corrosion phenomenon detected on parts of the auxiliary circuits of the main primary circuit of several nuclear reactors

On 10 March 2023, EDF proposed to the ASN (Nuclear safety authority) an evolution in its stress corrosion control strategy. EDF is accelerating the inspection of the concerned welds of the RIS and RRA systems, in order to include the elements identified on the weld repaired at Penly 1¹.

On 25 April 2023, the ASN announced to consider the schedule proposed by EDF for controls on priority welds to be appropriate².

To date, the estimate of nuclear output in France for 2023 remains in the range 300-330TWh.

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(2) Including ÉS (Électricité de Strasbourg) and SEI.

² See press release of the ASN of 25 April 2023

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⁽¹⁾ Since 2018, customers are counted per delivery site. A customer can have two delivery points: one for electricity and another one for gas.

See information note of 17 March 2023: (https://www.edf.fr/groupe-edf/agir-en-entreprise-responsable/notes-dinformation)