

Russia Negotiates the Export of Floating Nuclear Power Plants

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Russia is conducting talks on exports of floating nuclear power stations. The construction of the world's first such station began in Russia's north, in Severodvinsk, last Sunday.

Russia will build floating nuclear power stations using reactors of nuclear submarines and ice-breakers. They are ecologically safe. 7,000 such reactors are already functioning without faults. Experts fully exclude a possibility of an accident at floating nuclear power stations similar to the one at the Chernobyl nuclear power station in 1985.

Specifications for the construction of such nuclear facility exclude any influence of the functioning facility on air and water basins in the region they are deployed. In addition, floating nuclear power stations are rather compact. They are some 145-meter-long and 30-meter-wide. Here is more from the Russian First Vice-premier Sergei Ivanov:

In 2010 the first floating nuclear power station will be put into operation and begin functioning in the town of Severodvinsk providing the local population with electricity. We plan to build seven such floating nuclear power stations. They can be used in conditions of Extreme North and in the Far East. We ourselves need such nuclear power stations giving high-tech output. Yet many other countries ask when they will be able to buy them.

Talks with the countries of Asia and Africa are already underway. Foreign partners appreciate the correlation between the price and quality. The first nuclear power station will cost some 300 million dollars, yet the greater number of such stations is built the lower will be their price. In addition, the project can be recouped in 10 years. The price of electricity obtained at such nuclear power station can be compared with that of gas and is 2-3 times lower than that of a thermal electric power station using coal as fuel.

So, the number of foreign customers can increase shortly, notably in Asia and the Pacific, since such stations can also perform the function of a water-freshener of sea water.

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