

EDICT OF PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
No. 499 (2 November, 2013)

ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELARUSIAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

In order to enhance economic and energy security of the Republic of Belarus and with due regard to the obligations stipulated by the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, I hereby decree:

1. To implement, in the period of 2013 – 2020, the construction of the Belarusian Nuclear Power Plant (hereinafter referred to as the NPP) on the land plot in the Ostrovets District of the Grodno Region, located at a distance of 1.5 km north-eastward from Bobrovniki village and southward of Aveny village; bounded on the north-west by the motor road Shulniki village – Aveny village, on the west by the motor road Goza – NPP – Ostrovets from the P-45 motor road; on the north-east by the H-6223 motor road (Mislyany – Shulniki – Aveny – Valeikuny), on the south, south-west, west by the motor road from the H-6223 motor road Rudishki village – Bobrovniki hamlet and lands of the agricultural production cooperative “Vornyan”.

2. To establish that:

2.1. the NPP construction shall be implemented on the basis of the design documentation for its construction and with due regard to the results of the environmental impact assessment, including the environmental impact assessment documents, comments to this documents made by the concerned parties and the public, results of the consultations with the Affected Parties reflected in the Conclusion of the State Ecological Expertize of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus on the Belarusian NPP design documentation (23 October, 2013, No.98) in accordance with the Article 6 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 25 February, 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) <*>;

2.2. documents on allocation of land plots for permanent or temporary use to the NPP construction customer, State Institution “Directorate of Nuclear Power Plant Construction” or to its legal successor (hereinafter referred to as the customer), shall be made up in accordance with the established procedure in the course of the NPP construction works;

2.3. the NPP construction shall be carried out with the right to cut trees and shrubbery vegetation. On the land plots allocated to the customer, timber shall be harvested and sold by the legal entities engaged in forestry in accordance with the procedures established in the legislation.

2.4. prior to the beginning of the NPP construction, fertile soil layer shall be removed from the land plots allocated for construction and used for purposes related to the NPP construction or for other purposes as agreed with the Ostrovets District Executive Committee;

2.5. subject to the customer’s decision, NPP temporary buildings and structures may be transferred after their commissioning to the Closed Joint-Stock Company “Atomstroieksport” (Russian Federation) for free-of-charge use during period of NPP construction;

Prior to the NPP commissioning, the facilities mentioned in the first part of this paragraph shall be used in accordance with their intended purpose and functionality taking into account the specific features related to the NPP construction process.

<*> For the purposes of this Edict, the terms “environmental impact assessment”, “concerned parties” and “affected parties” have meanings defined in the Article 1 of the Convention.

3. The exemptions from payments shall be provided to:

3.1. the customer – from an obligation to compensate losses in agricultural and (or) forestry production resulting from withdrawal or temporary occupation of agricultural lands and (or) forest fund lands allocated for the NPP construction;

3.2. the foreign citizens and stateless persons hired for NPP construction works and for NPP operation during the warranty period pursuant to the General Contract for the Belarusian NPP Construction (18 July 2012, No. 77-598/1110700) signed between the customer and the Closed Joint-Stock Company “Atomstroieexport” (Russian Federation) – from payment of the state duty on issuing permits for temporary residence in the Republic of Belarus.

4. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus shall take measures to implement this Edict.

5. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Energy shall, in accordance with the Article 6 of the Convention, inform the Government of the Republic of Austria, the Government of the Republic of Latvia, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Ukraine through diplomatic channels about the decisions made on the NPP site selection and the NPP construction.

6. Control over the implementation of this Edict shall be assigned to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

7. This Edict shall come into force after its official publication.

The President of the Republic of Belarus

A. Lukashenko
