

# Information Circular

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## Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 4 July 2025, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.



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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to communicate the following.

At 17:36 (EEST) on 4 July 2025, the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) experienced a total loss of off-site power, compelling the facility to switch to emergency diesel generators to sustain critical safety functions. This incident marks the ninth blackout of the ZNPP since the beginning of the full-scale military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, and the first such occurrence in more than six months – underlining the persistent fragility of nuclear safety and security at the site.

This latest loss of external power is a direct consequence of the deliberate and methodical targeting of Ukraine's civilian and energy infrastructure by the Russian Federation. On 7 May 2025, a missile strike damaged the 330 kV «Ferosplavna 1» back-up power line – one of only two remaining connections to the plant. Following this attack, occupying forces have systematically obstructed access by Ukrainian repair crews to the damaged area, making restoration impossible and deliberately prolonging the plant's vulnerability. The 4 July strike eliminated the last available supply route, leaving the facility entirely dependent on emergency diesel systems – a measure intended solely for temporary use, not prolonged operation of a nuclear facility.

This latest blackout constitutes a direct violation of the fourth of the IAEA's Seven Indispensable Pillars for Nuclear Safety and Security, which requires "uninterrupted off-site power supply from the grid to ensure continued cooling of reactors and spent fuel pools". The continued military obstruction of repair efforts further exacerbates this violation and increases the risk of a nuclear emergency.

The situation remains profoundly alarming. As long as the ZNPP is held under illegal military occupation and used as a fortified position for launching drone and artillery attacks from its vicinity, the core principles of nuclear safety and security cannot be upheld. The unauthorized military presence at the site, together with persistent obstruction of the national regulatory

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and operational authorities, continues to undermine all international efforts aimed at stabilizing and securing the facility.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as an Information Circular to all IAEA Member States.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration



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