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AERB grants clearance for First Pour of Concrete of Kudankulam NPP Unit 3&4

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) in its 121st Meeting held on June 19, 2017 has granted clearance to the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) for the First Pour of Concrete (FPC) of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Projects 3&4 (KKNPP-3&4). In general terms, the clearance for FPC implies commencement of first pour of structural concrete and continuation of construction works of the safety related structures.

KKNPP-3&4 are two units of VVER (Russian) pressurised water reactors to be constructed at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu. These reactors will be repeat design of KKNPP-1&2 with design improvements based on commissioning and operational experience feedback from KKNPP-1&2.

The FPC clearance for KKNPP-3&4 is granted based on detailed safety review and satisfactory compliance to regulatory requirements.

At present, excavation of main plant area of KKNPP-3&4 is completed and is ready for construction activities.

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