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Vattenfall phases out coal in Berlin power plant

Vattenfall is investing approximately SEK 1 billion to upgrade the Klingenberg power plant in Berlin. The use of lignite at the site will thereby end three years ahead of plan, reducing CO₂ emissions by 600.000 tons annually.

Phasing out the use of coal is a cornerstone of Vattenfall's climate partnership with the city of Berlin. Berlin aims to reduce CO₂-emissions by 85 percent and become climate neutral by 2050.

The decommissioning of the lignite unit was originally planned for 2020, but the refurbishments have progressed faster than anticipated enabling the coal phase out already in May 2017.

The plant will then fully operate on natural gas.

The investment in upgrading the plant amounts to roughly SEK 1 billion (100 MEUR) and results in CO₂-emission being reduced by approximately 0,6 million tons annually.

In line with the Berlin climate agreement Vattenfall will also phase out the coal fired "C" unit of the Reuter heat and electricity power plant in Spandau by 2020.

The Klingenberg combined heat and power plant (CHP) is located in the eastern part of Berlin supplying more than 300.000 households with heat. The current capacity of the plant is 188 MW electricity and 590 MW heat.

The capacity will remain the same after the plant is fully converted to natural gas.

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