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Russia hits no
energy targets
in Ukraine for
first time since
Trump’s ‘truce’

Reuters

KYIV
Russia hit no Ukrainian energy targets on Tuesday for the first time since President Donald Trump’s weekend announcement of an “energy ceasefire”, while hammering cities’ transport and logistics overnight with ballistic missiles and drones.
Russia’s defense ministry, in its daily summary of overnight strikes, made no mention of Ukrainian energy facilities. A Kremlin spokesman, asked about the energy ceasefire, would only say that contacts were ongoing, but declined to provide any further details. However, one missile came down just over a kilometer from a plant providing heating to much of the city of Lviv, in the west.
Trump’s ceasefire announcement on Sunday came two days after his declaration of a deal that lifted US sanctions on Russian diesel exports to allow Russia to supply almost 2 million metric tons of diesel, a bid to lower US fuel prices.
Reuters and other media outlets have reported that US officials have threatened to cut off intelligence sharing and weapons sales to Ukraine unless it halts its strikes on Russian oil refineries.
President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Tuesday that Ukraine had not hit Russian refineries for two days, since Trump announced the ceasefire, but that Russia had continued attacks on energy and critical infrastructure during that time. Russia struck six Ukrainian energy sites on Monday.
It was not clear whether Russia had deliberately avoided targeting energy infrastructure overnight into Tuesday.

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TRUMP WANTS CHEAPER
DIESEL FOR NOV. 3 MIDTERMS

Trump has repeatedly blamed Ukrainian attacks - which prompted Moscow to suspend diesel exports - for a sharp rise in US diesel prices this year, a headache for his Republican party ahead of Congressional midterm elections in three weeks. Most analysts, however, say Trump’s war in Iran has had a far greater impact on the price rise.

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Bechtel National

In October 2025 the Low Activity Waste Facility at the Hanford nuclear site vitrification plant began turning radioactive waste into a stable glass form for disposal.

1 year later, Hanford site
ramps up radioactive
waste treatment

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RICHLAND, WASH.
A year after the Hanford vitrification plant started turning radioactive and hazardous chemical waste into a stable glass form for disposal, it has treated 250,000 gallons of waste.
Crews for Bechtel National, the Department of Energy contractor for the Waste Treatment Plant, or vit plant, reached that milestone Saturday, 364 days after the plant started up.
“The Low-Activity Waste Facility is producing results, and continues to treat larger amounts of waste as planned ramp-up activities continue,” said Stephanie Schleif, nuclear waste program manager for the Washington state Department of Ecology, a Hanford nuclear site regulator,



Bechtel National

Bechtel National workers operate the Hanford nuclear site vitrification plant from a control room. They have now glassified 250,000 gallons of radioactive waste.

Monday.
“We look forward to building on this momentum,” she said. Initially, only the less radio-

active waste is being immobilized in a stable glass form using the vit plant’s Low-Activity Waste Facility, with construction

progressing on the plants’ High-Level Waste Facility to meet a 2033 federal court deadline to start treating the most radioactive waste stored in underground tanks.
Significant progress has been made to increase the rate at which the vitrification plant turns out stainless steel canisters filled with radioactive waste to be disposed at a nearby, lined landfill at Hanford.
Of the 250,000 gallons of waste treated, 110,000 was glassified in the last quarter, including more than 40,000 gallons in September. Bechtel expects productivity to continue to increase as crews gain experience and continuing learning more about plant operations.
The recent progress brings the plant closer to the initial goal set

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Kennewick educator named
2027 WA Teacher of the Year

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KENNEWICK, WA
A Kennewick educator whose enthusiasm and work has helped reshape family involvement in public education was named Washington’s 2027 Teacher of the Year.
Kori Cannon, a multilingual learner kindergarten teacher at Westgate Elementary School, was surprised with the recognition at a Saturday event hosted by the state superintendent’s office, and

fought back tears as she gave her acceptance speech. It’s the second year in a row that a Tri-City teacher has taken home the state’s top award for excellence in education.
Superintendent Lance Hansen said he was “so happy” to see Cannon recognized over the weekend, and called it a “proud moment” for the district and its educators.
“Kori epitomizes the engagement level needed to meet the needs of our students,” he told the Tri-City Herald “She has a very active classroom, and she

meets the needs of her students every day. And we are fortunate to have Kori represent not only us but the state of Washington as the state Teacher of the Year.”
Cannon started her career in public education in 2010 as an elementary substitute teacher at Kennewick. Two years later, she transitioned to a full-time kindergarten teaching position.
Throughout her 16-year career, she has helped students originally from 22 countries build confidence, communication skills, and

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Courtesy Washington OSPI

2027 Washington Teacher of the Year Kori Cannon poses for a photo with state Superintendent Chris Reykdal during a Saturday event in Olympia.



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