

## Is there any distance requirement between residential communities and the location of the NPP?

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International and European practice envisages that the distance from an NPP to the cities with population over 50 thousand people must be at least 25 kilometres. A town (settlement) for NPP workers should not have a population of more than 50 thousand people and cannot be located closer than 8 km from the station.

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