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PARIS, Jan 30 (Reuters) - French utility EDF has proposed to start shutting down some reactors from 2029 onwards as part of France's long-term energy plan which aims to reduce the share of atomic power in its electricity mix, said the head of EDF's nuclear power arm.

The government has started discussions with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and energy specialists and companies over France's future energy mix, and the first draft of the "multi-annual energy plan" (PPE) is expected by the end of June.

Philippe Sasseigne - who heads up the nuclear power part of EDF - told journalists that as part of that discussion, the company was proposing to shut down more reactors from 2029.

EDF, which operates France's 58 nuclear reactors, will halt its Fessenhiem nuclear plant once it starts production at the Flamanville 3 nuclear reactor under construction.

France will decide by the end of this year how many nuclear reactors it wants to close in order to reduce the share of nuclear in its power generation, the energy minister said on Monday. (Reporting by Bate Felix ; Editing by Sudip Kar-Gupta)



