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The Omaha Public Power District's Fort Calhoun Station was taken off line over the weekend for a scheduled refueling and maintenance outage.

Nuclear power plants typically shut down about every 18 months to refuel.

During the outage, about one-third of the fuel assemblies in the reactor core will be replaced with new fuel, which will remain in the reactor for approximately four and a half years, the utility said in a news release.

Major maintenance projects include replacing a reactor coolant pump motor, upgrading the station's turbine control system, replacing electronics in one of the station's diesel generators and work on more than 600 valves throughout the station.

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