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## UK: Blair has seen the future of nuclear power . . .And it's in Finland

The British, long-time consumers of nuclear energy but wary of the side effects, are looking at it with renewed enthusiasm. Last week, it emerged that UK Prime Minister Tony Blair was laying plans for a **new generation of civil nuclear power stations across Britain.**

<http://www.thebusinessonline.com/Stories.aspx?Blair%20has%20seen%20the%20future%20of%20nuclear%20power%20.%20.%20.And%20it%E2%80%99s%20in%20Finland&StoryID=9E011170-A1A8-4FBF-BF79-F31E66521B39&SectionID=54DA5218-1A74-485F-BD4E-00A609499ACE>

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## NUCLEAR POLICY

### UK: Blair advisor gives glowing endorsement for nuclear future.

The Government's soon to be announced review of energy policy looks increasingly likely to be a mere formality towards announcing the start of a major nuclear power programme.

[http://www.edie.net/news/news\\_story.asp?id=10828&channel=0](http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=10828&channel=0)

**Italy:** Italian Minister for productive activities, Caludio Scajola: “**Nuclear power is part of governments programme.**”

<http://www.agi.it/english/news.pl?doc=200511252033-1304-RT1-CRO-0-NF82&page=0&id=agionline-eng.italyonline>

## URANIUM

**Mining:** The world's largest diversified miner **BHP Billiton**, sees increased

**demand for uranium** to meet the world's future energy needs.

<http://www.miningweekly.co.za/min/news/today/?show=78088>

## REACTORS, NPPs, UTILITIES

**Brazil:** Nuclear power stations **Angra I and Angra II had to stop their activities** overnight after **due a fire in a transformer**, officials said.

<http://www.forbes.com/business/feeds/afx/2005/11/25/afx2354094.html>

**Canada:** The Ontario government is leaning towards a **multi-billion-dollar expansion of its Darlington NPP** as part of an ongoing effort to expand the province's energy supply.

<http://canadaeast.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051125/TPMONEY08/511250520/-1/MONEY>

## *NUCLEAR INDUSTRY*

**China:** Construction of **China Nuclear Industrial Group's biggest R&D Center** for war industry, nuclear power, and related instruments for civil use at the Yangtze River Delta kicked off in Shanghai on Nov 27.  
[http://english.people.com.cn/200511/29/eng20051129\\_224435.html](http://english.people.com.cn/200511/29/eng20051129_224435.html)

**Germany:** Siemens has won backing from the Russian Industry and Energy Ministry for what it said was a bid to buy 25 percent plus one share in engineering firm Siloviye Mashiny, or Power Machines.  
<http://www.sptimes.ru/story/16237>

## *STORAGE AND WASTE*

**US: Plans to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain begin to crumble.** Sen. Pete Domenici, a vocal advocate for nuclear power recently stated that "I believe we [the US] must look anew on our policy on spent nuclear fuel."  
<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051127/NEWS07/511270339/1010/NEWS>

## *MISCELLANEOUS*

**Australia: Emotional reactions cloud nuclear debate.** "Discussion must take place in a rational and informed way, stripped of sensationalist claims from both sides of the debate" says **Monika Sarder** of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy  
<http://www.theage.com.au/news/business/emotional-reactions-cloud-nuclear-debate/2005/11/28/1133026405030.html>

## *AND FINALLY THIS*

**Green web bloggers:** Environmentalists in favor of fast breeder reactors:  
<http://gristmill.grist.org/story/2005/11/27/224039/10>

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