
Nuclear industry jitters over government 're-consultation'

The nuclear industry was plunged into further uncertainty on Thursday when the Government insisted it was necessary to re-examine planning laws aimed at speeding up the UK's first atomic plants for a generation.

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Charles Hendry, Britain's energy minister, said he wanted to ensure that current planning rules – set out in documents called 'national policy statements' - were "fit for purpose", ordering a "re-consultation".

The Conservatives have expressed concern that the objections of local communities towards new nuclear plants could be ignored under the rules devised by the previous Government.



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EDF, which intends to build Britain's first new nuclear power station by 2017, said it still had confidence in the timetable, but warned against any delay in implementing new planning rules.

Vincent de Rivaz, chief executive of EDF Energy, the French state-owned utility giant's British unit, said: "With the delay on the national policy statements it is doubly important we forge ahead with the other vital elements of the framework to create the confidence for progress."

The Nuclear Industry Association, representing energy companies planning to invest in the new generation of atomic power stations, called on the Government to "maintain momentum" in order to ensure construction remains on track.

"Any further delay could undermine the confidence of potential investors and companies in the nuclear supply chain," said Keith Parker, chief executive of the Nuclear Industry Association. "Any further delay could undermine the confidence of potential investors and companies in the nuclear supply chain. We would urge government to continue progress on the other workstreams around nuclear such as regulatory justification, reform of the regulator and market modernisation".

Experts have expressed skepticism that Britain will be able to attract the investment and expertise needed to safeguard the nuclear programme before the country starts to run short of electricity in the second half of this decade.

The Government insists that the first new nuclear plant will be built by 2018.

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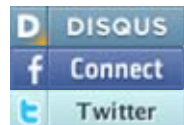
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