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GENKAI, Japan—Relief from Tokyo's dawning summer of heat and power shortages lies in places like Genkai, a farming hamlet some 600 miles southwest of the capital—where local governments, power companies and residents are locked in battle over whether to restart two idled nuclear reactors.

Genkai, home to a 38-year-old nuclear-power plant, has become ground zero in the battle over Japan's nuclear policy after the country's March 11 earthquake and tsunami unleashed a nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi complex. The aftermath of that crisis has left major Japanese cities short of electricity and fractured a decades-old consensus over the safety ...

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