



UK Energy Developments

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Imitating the famous London bus, nothing for ages then three turn up at once.

Today we finally received the [famous](#) JESS report.

Available here: [Energy Reliability page at DTI](#)

We have also received the Winter Outlook 2006/07 consultation from National Grid.

Available here: [Ofgem, New Publications](#)

And tonight Tony Blair is giving a speech where he will give his strongest signal yet that he backs the building of new nuclear power:

The prime minister will tell the CBI later on Tuesday that the issue is "back on the agenda with a vengeance".

[BBC News](#)

An audio recording of the relevant section is available here:

[Tony Blair Energy 16May06 64kbps.mp3 \(904KB\)](#)

This position is clearly at odds with David Fleming's recent report on the nuclear life cycle inspired by the work of Jan Willem Storm van Leeuwen and Philip Smith (SLS).

Available here: [Nuclear Life Cycle](#)

Meanwhile the World Wildlife Fund UK ([WWF-UK](#)) suggests the UK energy gap is a myth:

The much talked about 'energy gap' is simply a myth which has been perpetuated to justify the resurgence of nuclear power. This report shows that a renewed focus on reducing demand for electricity and increasing the use of renewable energy and microgeneration would make new nuclear redundant. We can not only meet energy demand without resorting to new nuclear power, but with the right measures we can reduce emissions from electricity generation too.

Their report is available here: [Energy gap is a nuclear myth](#)

These reports between them contain a vast amount of information about UK energy and we'll be looking at them in more detail over the coming month. I'm going away for a few days now so I'll leave this material with you.



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