



Stop Hinkley Newsround April 2021

17 March – Independent: HPC could suck up 182million fish per year

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19 March – Burnham & Highbridge Weekly News: HPB restart green light

<https://www.burnhamandhighbridgeweeklynnews.co.uk/news/19170578.hinkley-point-b-near-bridgwater-given-green-light-restart-producing-energy/>

19 March – Somerset Live: Impact of HPC disaster in report to Welsh Assembly

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/what-would-happen-nuclear-incident-5201578>

19 March – La Presse de la Manche: ASN approves problematic Flamanville welds

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21 March – Science Direct: Study shows new nuclear is poor investment

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1364032121001301>

22 March – Guardian: Home insulation scheme shambles

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/mar/22/uk-government-green-homes-grant-disastrous-mps-say>

22 March – Times: Just one UK coal fired power station by end 2022

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/britain-down-to-its-last-coal-power-station-rkvxftjg6>

22 March – Energy Monitor: Nuclear going nowhere + more of same in Investment Week

<https://energymonitor.ai/sector/power/opinion-what-is-the-future-of-nuclear-power>

<https://www.investmentweek.co.uk/analysis/4028635/iw-long-reads-nuclear-energy-road-ruin-sustainability-silver-bullet>

23 March – World Nuclear News: Design anomaly found in Flamanville EPR nozzles

<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Design-anomaly-found-in-Flamanville-EPR-nozzles>

25 March – East Anglia Daily Times: Stop SZC criticises EdeF claims for SZC economy boost

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/sizewell-economic-boost-reaction-7849530>

27 March – Sedgemoor Apple (also in WSFP 9 April: Letter Roy Pumfrey – Roll on HPB decommissioning!

<https://sedgemoorapple.co.uk/hinkley/letter-roll-on-hinkley-b-decommissioning/>

30 March – Burnham-on-Sea.com: Another unexploded WW2 bomb in sea off HPC

<https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/news/unexploded-250-pound-wartime-bomb-discovered-on-seabed-near-hinkley-point/>

2 April – Bristol University: New ways to virtually assess nuclear reactors

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2021/march/prosperity-partnership-announcement.html>

2 April – Machinery Market: Largest ever last-stage blade made for HPC

<https://www.machinery-market.co.uk/news/29585/Largest-ever-last-stage-blade-manufactured-for-Hinkley-Point-C>

4 April – Times: Irish concerns about Sizewell C

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/epa-atomic-plans-eastern-uk-sizewell-c-znxz5w7sw>

5 April – Times: Another giant storage system for Chester

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/zenobe-energy-ready-to-press-the-button-on-huge-northwest-battery-project-r57p9xkhk>

6&7 April – French Reports: More Flamanville start up bother

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7 April – NS Energy: EdeF to revert to 100% state ownership

<https://www.nsenerybusiness.com/news/france-reportedly-to-spend-12bn-to-buy-out-edf-minority-shareholders/>

9 April – WNN snippet: EDF said yesterday it expects to have the technical information required to make a decision in the next few months on the future of its Dungeness B nuclear power plant in Kent, England. The plant last generated electricity in September 2018 and is currently forecast to return to service in August this year, but it has "a number of unique, significant and ongoing technical challenges that continue to make the future both difficult and uncertain", EDF said. The current scheduled decommissioning date is 2028, but EDF is considering "a range of scenarios", including moving directly into the defuelling phase later this year.

10 April – Prospect: Snubbing China on new nuclear in UK may be the right thing to do

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10 April – Renew Extra: Nuclear worse than coal!

<https://renewextraweekly.blogspot.com/2021/04/energy-costs-direct-and-indirect.html>

10 April – Japan Today: Japan poised to release Fukushima contaminated water into Pacific

<https://japantoday.com/category/national/Gov't-to-release-Fukushima-nuclear-plant-water-into-sea-despite-fishermen's-objection>

11 April – Telegraph: Iran outage due to nuclear terrorism

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/04/11/iran-claims-nuclear-terrorism-responsible-blackout-natanz-desert/>

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