



Newsround May 2022

10 April - The Observer: Three-quarters of Britons back expansion of wind power, poll reveals
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/apr/10/three-quarters-of-britons-back-expansion-of-wind-power-poll-reveals>

13 April – World Nuclear News: First phase of Hinkley Point C (HPC) cloud migration complete
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/First-phase-of-Hinkley-Point-C-cloud-migration-complete>

13 April - iNews: The best time to start new nuclear would have been 30 years ago, but the second best time is now
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fscience%2Fnuclear-power-safe-cheaper-uk-embrace-it-1570802&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cbad5da4c1d5b470ce78c08da1df4950f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C63785233580969091%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAilCjQljoiv2luMzliLjBtIl6k1haWwiLjXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=W8pMfMzbf1MaChdji8bhZHVSonXnUEx2Taj%2FVMMh3W8%3D&reserved=0>

15 April - Private Eye: EdeF in a pickle over HPC
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.private-eye.co.uk%2Fcurrent-issue&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ccb886086b519454819ad08da1f87755f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637856963890971155%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAilCjQljoiv2luMzliLjBtIl6k1haWwiLjXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=GqiDSrM37w2tL3Z5%2F8Af6oIAZqiRMBoKp6RznFQKg%3D&reserved=0>

19 April - WNN: Rolls-Royce hopes for UK SMR online by 2029!
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Rolls-Royce-hopes-for-UK-SMR-online-by-2029>

21 April - Lexology: FT report throws doubt on viability of many in plethora of SMR prototypes
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lexology.com%2Flibrary%2Fdetail.aspx%3F%3D59f1cf06-587b-4f97-8f33-1dc7966effb6&data=05%7C01%7C%7C5b4ad7cbd13049ec76df08da2502778b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862989768806347%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAilCjQljoiv2luMzliLjBtIl6k1haWwiLjXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&data=OMet6Xr5%2Bjd8NnH%2BAg6C3yyTAa5YjgXvCAGmqDOJok%3D&reserved=0>

21 April - FT: PM Johnson insists he will not scrap 'green levy' on electricity to reduce consumer bills
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23 April - Express: Local Tory MP Virginia Crosbie (self-styled 'Atomic Kitten!') says Anglesey residents should receive discounted energy if new Wylfa reactor is built
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.express.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fpolitics%2F1600079%2Fenergy-fuel-electricity-nuclear-plant-wales-virginia-crosbie&data=05%7C01%7C%7C53b4ad1e8212499b7bdf08da269551e3%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637864720020977852%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAilCjQljoiv2luMzliLjBtIl6k1haWwiLjXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&data=el8T2zfTHCFzkmMjViv3rrYMUyxFc0w56sibqbArdQc%3D&reserved=0>

24 April – East Anglian Daily Times: EDF says it could run Sizewell C (SZC) permanently with a desalination plant if a fresh water supply cannot be provided
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eadt.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fbusiness%2Fsizewell-nuclear-power-station-water-8915208&data=05%7C01%7C%7C253bd5f776134cbcc79f08da25ce5dac%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637863865518491268%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAilCjQljoiv2luMzliLjBtIl6k1haWwiLjXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&data=cmDxi4voYL2Y%2Ffd2UL8YUoA5A23MyEekQCu172Z9%2B8S%3D&reserved=0>

24 April - The Observer: Could Anglesey's tidal energy project drive a new energy revolution?
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/apr/24/could-angleseys-tidal-energy-project-drive-a-new-energy-revolution>

26 April - City AM: PM Johnson insists new Welsh nuclear plant at Wylfa is "going to happen" and there will be a "couple of reactors" at the site
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cityam.com%2Fprime-minister-planned-welsh-nuclear-plant-is-going-to-happen-amid-claims-of-a-u-turn-on-stalled-project&data=05%7C01%7C%7C7fca3d32d88e4e37d74d08da2823a2f7%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C63786430771486034%7CUknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAilCjQljoiv2luMzliLjBtIl6k1haWwiLjXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&data=VMRnx%2BU0OniFa7Z%2F63QatSMj5v4Yr4%2B0F4kU59sZM%3D&reserved=0>

26 April - New York Times: Trans-Atlantic take on Flamanville shenanigans

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29 April - WNN: Olkiluoto regular electricity production now due in September 2022, two months delayed after cooling problems

[OL3 regular electricity production now due in September : New Nuclear - World Nuclear News \(world-nuclear-news.org\)](https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/OL3-regular-electricity-production-now-due-in-September-2022)

1 May - Guardian: Nuclear power advocates believe Kwasi Kwarteng, may extend the life of HPB to help wean the UK off gas imports and prevent a faster-than-expected decline in Britain's fleet of atomic reactors

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theguardian.com%2Fenvironment%2F2022%2Fmay%2F01%2Fhinkley-point-b-nuclear-plant-could-be-spared-imminent-closure&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cf6e13e928a3d496b24f108da2c199c69%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637870785761971291%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjBtIi6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&data=P3vt%2Ft8Xou8frp1LaO8yyE7ETHF31Ljs5NJG57w5fqs%3D&reserved=0>

2 May - letter to The Guardian (unpublished)

I read with horror and amazement your report ‘Hinkley Point B nuclear plant could be spared imminent closure.’ There could never have been a franker Ministerial admission that the very idea that nuclear has any future role in UK electricity generation anytime soon is expensive wishful thinking than a last desperate roll of the dice to keep a clapped-out reactor running.

Even the captured regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), has been happy to concur with operator EDF that Hinkley B is long past not only its sell-by date but also its use-by one. The safety-critical graphite rods in the reactor are not in the ‘good health’ the local MP would have us believe. In fact, ONR and EDF know that the cracks in the graphite are so bad that even 15 July 2022 is a later shut down date than any objective expert would pronounce.

It beggars belief that Government is still intent on increasing the supply of energy, at almost any cost, without looking to reduce demand and make people’s bills manageable again by introducing energy efficiency programmes for our poor housing stock.

And to think that Stop Hinkley was really looking forward to celebrating the last day of Hinkley B’s generating with an ‘End Of An Error’ event at the site on 15 July. Hopefully, someone with the public interest at heart will kick this idea into the long grass where it belongs.

Roy Pumfrey Stop Hinkley Spokesperson

5 May - Times: EDF warns of more delay (to mid-2026) and rising costs (to £23billion) at Hinkley Point C

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5 May - BBC: Worker's 5m fall from scaffolding at HPC has led to new ONR safety measures

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7 May - Times: Britain to have excess electricity supply for more than half the year by 2030 as huge expansion of wind and solar power transforms the energy system

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thetimes.co.uk%2Farticle%2Fwind-and-solar-boom-will-bring-energy-surplus-zplgg39rn&data=05%7C01%7C%7C5325f92f15e74787dff608da2ff14d3f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637875010681025554%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjBtIi6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&data=YrGxbKU787wevXlqxXwvdl7FNz0%2FbRtv6no8fEVbheU%3D&reserved=0>

7 May - RFI: France sees uptick in people seeking iodine tablets and bomb shelters in the face of fears of a nuclear war following Russia's invasion of Ukraine

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8 May - Telegraph: HPC and Bradwell under threat amid 'political opposition' to Chinese backing, EDF warns

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.telegraph.co.uk%2Fbusiness%2F2022%2F05%2F08%2Fnuclear-plant-threat-amid-political-opposition-chinese-backing%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C7cff6bd4680e4448cee208da31998949%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637876832747639563%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fRWA6fC4xJvPgDzO4m50WoVfSYyCMo4fKe8YntIVYc%3D&reserved=0>

Roy Pumfrey for Stop Hinkley