



Newsround July 2023

14 June - Burnham & Highbridge Weekly News: Hinkley Point C is spending over £2 million on Pontins Brean Sands Holiday Park, where 900 workers will be living over the next three years as HPC moves into peak construction
https://www.burnhamandhighbridgeweeklynnews.co.uk/news/burnham_news/23589451.hinkley-point-c-spends-2-million-upgrading-pontins/

16 June - North Devon Gazette: The extraordinary Hinkley C project continues to rumble on. It remains by far the biggest and highest profile construction project outside HS2. Much is riding on the success of this to help the Government to understand whether they can afford to risk investing in a second new power station at Sizewell
<https://www.northdevongazette.co.uk/the-latest-progress-on-hinkley-c-tim-jones/>

20 June – Telegraph: Keir Starmer must drop support for the flagship Sizewell C 20bn nuclear power station, says former Gordon Brown adviser. Nick Butler urged the Labour leader to instead back the use of British-designed nuclear technology
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2023/06/20/keir-starmer-stop-nuclear-power-plant-support-nick-butler/>

23 June - East Anglian Daily Times: Campaigners have vowed to continue their fight against the "monstrous" Sizewell C nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast despite losing a legal challenge against the plans
<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/23608074.suffolk-campaigners-vow-continue-fighting-sizewell-c/>

26 June – Business Live: Hinkley Point C supply chain scheme secures £180m for South West firms. The group behind the programme said it had helped to create thousands of jobs in the region
<https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/hinkley-point-c-supply-chain-27199762>

27 June – Telegraph: Letter: The news that the green levy on energy bills will be reinstated has caused confusion after Grant Shapps, the Energy Secretary, appeared to voice opposition to such levies. He forgot to mention the Hinkley Point C contract, which imposes a levy on consumer bills for 35 years from the day the plant starts to supply electricity
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2023/06/27/letters-stop-pursuing-energy-goals-that-make-people-poorer/>

29 June – Nuclear Waste Services: The Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Report has been published today and sets out significant progress of the programme to deliver a safe and permanent solution for the UK's most radioactive waste. The report from NWS highlights: Engagement with four communities across England, three in Cumbria, Mid-Copeland, South-Copeland and Allerdale, and one in Lincolnshire around Theddlethorpe, about what hosting a GDF could mean for them
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gdf-report-highlights-real-progress>

30 June – Bloomberg: High inflation and rising interest rates are driving up the cost of a new generation of miniature atomic reactors that the nuclear industry is relying on to lift sales and help meet climate targets
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-06-30/mini-reactor-cost-surge-threatens-nuclear-s-next-big-thing>

1 July – Telegraph: GE Hitachi is offering to build mini-reactors (SMRs) for up to 25% less than Rolls-Royce, which is racing to be the first to deploy the technology at scale commercially as the world attempts to ditch fossil fuels
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2023/07/01/japanese-us-nuclear-behemoth-undercut-rolls-royce/>

2 July – Bloomberg: Japan is set to win approval to discharge more than a million cubic meters of treated water from the Fukushima nuclear disaster site into the Pacific Ocean, a contentious plan that's soured ties with neighbours including China

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/japan-set-to-pour-fukushima-water-into-pacific-irking-china-1.1940800>

4 July – Unilad: One of the world's worst nuclear disasters is likely something you've never heard of, the Goiânia Accident of 1987. This happened in the city of Goiânia in the Goiás region of Brazil, which surrounds the Federal District containing the purpose-built capital Brasilia. In 1985, a hospital in the city moved locations, leaving behind a radiotherapy unit which used the substance caesium-137 to treat cancer. Two years later in 1987, two men broke into the abandoned building looking for items with scrap value, and stole the machine - including its radioactive component which they were not aware of

<https://www.unilad.com/news/nuclear-disaster-goiania-brazil-accident-918843-20230704>

5 July - Weston Mercury: Community groups in and around Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge are set to benefit from £55,000 in grants from the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/23634146.hinkley-point-c-distribute-55-000-community-groups/>

5 July - Proactive Investor: Rolls-Royce warned the UK risked falling behind in the rollout of mini nuclear reactors due to government setbacks

<https://www.proactiveinvestors.co.uk/companies/news/1019872/rolls-royce-hurrying-government-amid-mini-nuclear-race-1019872.html>

6 July – Reuters: None of the world's thirty major banks have explicitly included nuclear energy in their criteria for issuing green or sustainability-linked bonds, researchers said on Thursday, despite an EU decision last year to label it as sustainable

<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/major-banks-yet-match-eu-with-nuclear-green-label-study-2023-07-06/>

6 July - Power Engineering International: Industrial services provider Bilfinger has completed and delivered the Core Melt Stabilization System (CMSS) for Hinkley Point C. The CMSS is a key safety-relevant component for the power plant. According to Bilfinger, in the event of a core meltdown, this system acts as a defined predetermined breaking point and helps to bring the core meltdown to a safe condition

<https://www.powerengineeringint.com/nuclear/bilfinger-delivers-core-meltdown-stabilisation-system-for-hinkley-point-c/>

9 July – Observer: Energy security secretary Grant Shapps will this week outline plans for Britain's atomic power's renaissance and 2050 emissions commitment through Great British Nuclear

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/jul/09/nuclear-option-to-the-fore-as-tories-prepare-to-unveil-roadmap-to-net-zero>

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