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12 January – EdeF: Hinkley Point C (HPC) takes another step forward as its second nuclear reactor pressure vessel (RPV) arrives in Somerset. The first arrived in 2023 and is already installed and welded in place on Unit 1 of the power station. The delivery of the second RPV is a major moment for the identical Unit 2. The pressure vessel harnesses nuclear fission to make heat and steam for the world's largest turbines
Hinkley Point C takes another step forward as its second nuclear reactor arrives in Somerset | EDF

13 January – Hellorayo: Campaign group Together Against Sizewell C (TASC) has raised renewed concerns about coastal erosion near the Sizewell C (SZC) construction site, following recent storm damage along the East Anglian coastline. TASC spokesperson Chris Wilson said the group believes the Sizewell coastline is among the fastest eroding in Europe and argues that building a nuclear power station in the area poses long-term flood risks
Campaigners warn coastal erosion could threaten Sizewell C site | News - Greatest Hits Radio (Ipswich & Suffolk)

14 January – Business Green: 'A breakthrough moment': Government secures record-breaking offshore wind auction. Ed Miliband declares 'historic' auction puts government on track to meet clean power by 2030 goal and proves wrong recent attacks on UK's net zero targets
'A breakthrough moment': Government secures record-breaking offshore wind auction | BusinessGreen News

15 January – West Somerset Free Press: Planning applications for 400 HPC car parking spaces at Taunton Gateway P&R give clues to construction timeframe. Tacit confirmation has been given that construction of HPC will not be completed until at least the end of 2030. The timeframe for completing Britain's first new nuclear power station in a generation has varied in recent years, with successive expected opening dates of 2017, 2025, and 2027 being pushed back to somewhere between 2029 and 2031
Planning applications for Hinkley C parking give clues to construction timeframe | wsfp.co.uk

15 January – Nuclear Engineering International: The last nuclear fuel from Hinkley Point B (HPB) has been transported to Sellafield in Cumbria. Fuel removal began in September 2022. Defueling of reactor 4 started 2022 and took 24 months. Defueling of reactor 3 started in August 2024 and was completed in November 2025. The final batch of fuel left the site in November 2025 and on 13 January the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) granted the plant a Fuel Free Verification status. The cost of defueling the power station was covered by the Nuclear Liabilities Fund (NLF) set up in 1996 to pay for decommissioning. The NLF is made up of operator contributions, money from the sale of British Energy to EDF, investment returns and money from the UK Government
Hinkley Point B defuels - Nuclear Engineering International

21 January – The Engineer: More than a dozen environmental groups and over 60 MPs are questioning the 'Fingleton recommendations' set out in the recent Nuclear Regulatory Review. Environmental groups, led by The Wildlife Trusts, claim that the review is based on flawed evidence, and that the recommendations could have a catastrophic effect on nature across the UK. "The dice were loaded from the start - the nuclear review confirms a false narrative that was already being circulated by certain industry lobby groups and think tanks," said Craig Bennett, chief executive of The Wildlife Trusts
Nature Groups Question Fingleton Nuclear Review

24 January – Renew Extra: In a spirited overview of nuclear prospects, Prof Steve Thomas from Greenwich University says that 'despite a major public relations push in the media and with policymakers for new nuclear, the anticipated nuclear revival will not happen because of the fundamentals of the technology in terms of cost, construction time, and reliability. Commercial financiers will remain very reluctant to fund these projects if any of the risk falls on them
Nuclear overview- no new nuclear renaissance?

28 January – World Nuclear News: USA-based engineering company Amentum has been awarded several new contracts by EDF, worth up to £540 million (USD743 million), expanding the critical solutions it provides for the UK's existing reactor fleet as well as for the construction of HPC. Amentum is the delivery partner for programme, project and construction management services at HPC; sole programme and project management delivery partner at SZC; and also supports the UK's existing nuclear power stations under a Lifetime Enterprise Agreement with EDF. It is a major supplier of engineering design, safety case and project management at Sellafield and other UK nuclear decommissioning sites and operates the country's largest private sector complex of nuclear laboratories and engineering test facilities in Warrington
Amentum awarded further UK contracts by EDF - World Nuclear News

4 February – New Civil Engineer: The UK Government has unveiled a new framework intended to accelerate construction of advanced nuclear reactors and attract private investment in the sector. The Advanced Nuclear Framework establishes a government-managed pipeline of projects that meet basic readiness criteria and offers a concierge-style service to help developers navigate planning, regulation, fuel and grid requirements. Companies will be able to submit proposals to join the pipeline from March. Projects that pass a technical and commercial assessment by Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and Great British Energy-Nuclear (GBE-N) may receive an "in-principle" endorsement intended to make it easier to secure private finance
Government announces framework for advanced nuclear reactor developers | New Civil Engineer

5 February – BBC: 'Significant' fire risks have been uncovered at HPC, including flammable materials left on emergency exit stairs. Inspectors from the ONR said they found significant fire safety shortfalls at the site. The ONR has served enforcement action notices on five organisations which are overseeing Mechanical, Electrical and Heating (MEH) and Ventilation and Air Conditioning work (HVAC) at the site. Bosses of the five organisations will need to address the shortfalls ahead of the next inspection
Hinkley Point C: 'Significant' fire risks at nuclear plant site - BBC News

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