

Energy: going nuclear

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The government's expected to announce a new lease of life for nuclear power today, when it publishes its long-awaited energy review

All Britain's current nuclear stations are due to close within the next 20 years – and at the moment, no replacements have been ordered.

But, it looks certain that situation will change, as the government wrestles with the problem of how to keep the lights burning, as Britain's own supplies of North Sea gas and oil run down.

The boost for nuclear power won't be popular with many environmental campaigners who worry about safety.

But the review is also expected to include a new emphasis on renewable energy – wind and wave power for example – and on cutting domestic gas and electricity use.