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INTERNATIONAL

POWER

Cumbria withdraws candidacy to host the United Kingdom's high-level waste repository. Centrica pulls out of EDF's new-build program in the United Kingdom. Milestones reached at China's Sanmen-1 and Taishan-1. Bangladesh to receive loan from Russia for power reactor project. Low turnout for referendum in Bulgaria undercuts pronuclear vote. Japan's prime minister calls for review of nation's energy policy. E.ON succeeds in challenge of Germany's nuclear fuel tax. Action plan submitted for restart of Belgium's Doel-3 and Tihange-2.

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