

# Nuclear Power Unplugged



There are currently 104 nuclear reactors in 31 states providing about 20 percent of the nation's electricity, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute. Concerns around safety, waste disposal and unrestrained costs, however, along with opposition from environmentalists, have restricted construction of new plants. Minnesota has banned all construction of new nuclear power facilities, and 12 other states have set the following conditions on any new construction.

-  Must first identify an effective technology or means for disposing or reprocessing of high-level waste. \*West Virginia and Wisconsin also require proof that the construction will be economically feasible for ratepayers.
-  Must identify an effective technology or means for high-level waste disposal or reprocessing or must be approved by the state legislature.
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-  Must be approved by the voters and the legislature if certain conditions are met.

