

# U.S. eyeing return to nuclear energy

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Thanks mainly to Bush administration policy, the United States could soon find itself re-embracing the use of nuclear power.

The Chicago Tribune reported that the administration has recently supported the creation of several new nuclear plants, and just last week President Bush publicly endorsed the energy source at a news conference.

"Nuclear power is going to be an essential source, in my judgment, of future electricity for the United States," Bush said at the conference.

"Nuclear power is renewable, and nuclear power does not emit one greenhouse gas."

The government's proposal to increase the number of operating reactors in the nation beyond its current 103 has brought immediate opposition from anti-nuclear activists.

Those activists claim that besides possible cataclysmic events, such as occurred at Chernobyl or Three Mile Island, new reactors could lead to cost overruns for consumers.

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