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## **NuGen welcomes interim reactor design acceptance**

NuGen welcomes the news from the UK Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) that “interim design acceptance” has been given to two generic designs of nuclear reactors - Areva’s European Pressurised Water Reactor (EPR), and Westinghouse’s AP1000.

Both ONR and the Environment Agency confirmed they are satisfied with progress made by the reactor designers as part of the ongoing Generic Design Assessment.

Alfio Vidal, Chief Nuclear Director for Nugen said the news was welcome as an important step forward in delivering new nuclear power stations for the UK.

“The news from the regulators demonstrates the progress being made towards securing reliable energy sources for the future benefit of the UK. It also gives developers like NuGen confidence as we further progress our plans.”

The ONR issued interim Design Acceptance Confirmations (iDAC), and the Environment Agency issued an interim Statements of Design Acceptability (iSoDA).