

http://www.climateactionprogramme.org/news/uk_to_phase_out_coal_ahead_of_2025



[NEWS](#)
[EDITOR'S PICKS](#)
[INTERVIEWS](#)
[VIDEOS](#)
[RESOURCES](#)
[EVENTS](#)
[DIRECTORY](#)

[FINANCE](#)
[TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION](#)
[POLICY](#)
[SUSTAINABLE ENERGY](#)
[AGRICULTURE](#)
[SMART CITIES](#)
[TRANSPORT](#)
[CARBON REDUCTION](#)
[COP22](#)
[SPORT](#)

4 January 2017

UK to phase out coal ahead of 2025

[Europe](#),
[Carbon Reduction](#),
[Policy](#),
[Sustainable Energy](#)

The United Kingdom is scaling up its use of low-carbon energy sources as it plans to phase out coal-fired power plants altogether by 2025.

According to the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), between the months of July and September last year, 50 per cent of the country's electricity was produced primarily by wind and solar farms, as well as wood and nuclear power plants.

Scotland's last coal power plant closed in spring 2016, and two of the largest coal plants in England were also decommissioned.

As a result, the proportion of electricity generated by coal fell from 16.7 per cent in the third quarter of 2015, to just 3.6 per cent over the same period in 2016.

Scotland, which has demonstrated a strong commitment to renewable energy, now produces 77 per cent of its electricity from low-carbon sources.

The UK government pledged last year that coal would be phased out by 2025 In November, they announced that the last coal plant could close as early as 2022 without government intervention, due to rising costs related to compliance with emissions standards.

Studies have shown, however, that if the price of coal remains low, plants could remain open until 2030.

Consequently, the UK government plans to enact a series of emissions standards for coal plants as well as incentives for the use of renewable energy sources in order to meet its 2025 target for the phase out of coal.

Officials consider it "unlikely" that emissions-reducing technology for power plants—such as systems that capture and store carbon—will prove practical, and plants will have to stop using coal in order to meet the new emissions standards.

RELATED ARTICLES

- [Canada to phase out coal-based electricity by 2030](#)
- [Finland plans to ban coal by 2030](#)
- [Al Gore urges clean energy development in the Philippines](#)

0 Comments

Climate Action Programme

1 Login

Recommend

Share

Sort by Best



Start the discussion...

Be the first to comment.

ALSO ON CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

Brazil starts funding solar rather than fossil fuels

1 comment • 3 months ago•



Anthony Ceresa — CAN WE HOPE TO IMPROVE HUMANITY WITH FRIENDSHIP? Certainly yes, I think it can be possible ...

California sets computer energy efficiency limits

1 comment • 22 days ago•



assignment help — It does not matter if the regulations will cause an increase in computer prices, as long as they could ...

The uptake of off-grid solar systems in Africa

3 comments • 3 months ago•



Oliver Sylvester-Bradley — It's very hard to say exactly what proportion of the 60million people living in Africa without access to ...

New 'Renewables ninja' calculates solar and wind power availability

1 comment • 4 months ago•



Gaetano Gaudiosi — Comment to article assertion 'Renewables ninja' has already revealed that offshore wind farms in ...

OUT NOW: CLIMATE ACTION 2016-17



Climate Action and UNEP are delighted to present the 10th anniversary edition of the official Climate Action report for COP22, Marrakech, Morocco.

NEWSLETTER

E-mail Address

TWITTER

Tweets by @Climate_Action_



Climate Action Org
@Climate_Action_

Watch the inspirational address of Lewis Pugh, @UNEP Patron of the Oceans, Pioneer Swimmer: [ow.ly/8mZb307GpSq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owIy/8mZb307GpSq) #greensport #SIIS17



Embed

View on Twitter



Subscribe

Add Disqus to your site

Privacy

DISQUS

NEWS

All News

Latest News

Finance

Technology

Policy

Energy

Agriculture

Smart Cities

Transport

Carbon Reduction

RESOURCES

Climate Action & UNEP Report

Press Releases

White Papers

Events

Photo Gallery

CLIMATE LEADERS

Climate Leader Papers

Interviews

Videos

ABOUT US

Contact Us

Advertise

Terms & Conditions

Accessibility

Privacy Policy



© 2017 Copyright Climate Action. All Rights reserved.

Phone: +44 (0)20 7871 0173

Fax: +44 (0)20 7871 0101

Web: www.climateactionprogramme.org

Climate Week NYC - Sustainable Investment Forum 2016

COP22 Marrakech - Sustainable Innovation Forum 2016

COP21 Paris - Sustainable Innovation Forum 2015

COP20 Lima - Sustainable Innovation Forum 2014

COP19 Warsaw - Sustainable Innovation Forum 2013

COP18 Doha - Sustainable Innovation Forum 2012

Sustainable Innovation In Sport

Sustainable Innovation Expo