



Coal power plant fire up shows no net zero without new nuclear

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GMB, the energy union, says the UK firing up an old coal power plant to meet electricity needs shows there can be no net zero without new nuclear.

National Grid ESO - which is responsible for balancing the UK's electricity supply - confirmed yesterday coal was providing 3% of national power. [1]

Andy Prendergast, GMB National Secretary, said:

“This is cast iron proof – if it were needed – there can be no net zero in the UK without new nuclear.

“Firing up belching coal power plants makes a mockery of the UK’s claim to be a world leader in green energy.”

“It’s simple stuff – we need a balanced energy mix to make sure we can keep the lights on when renewables don't generate as much power as normal.