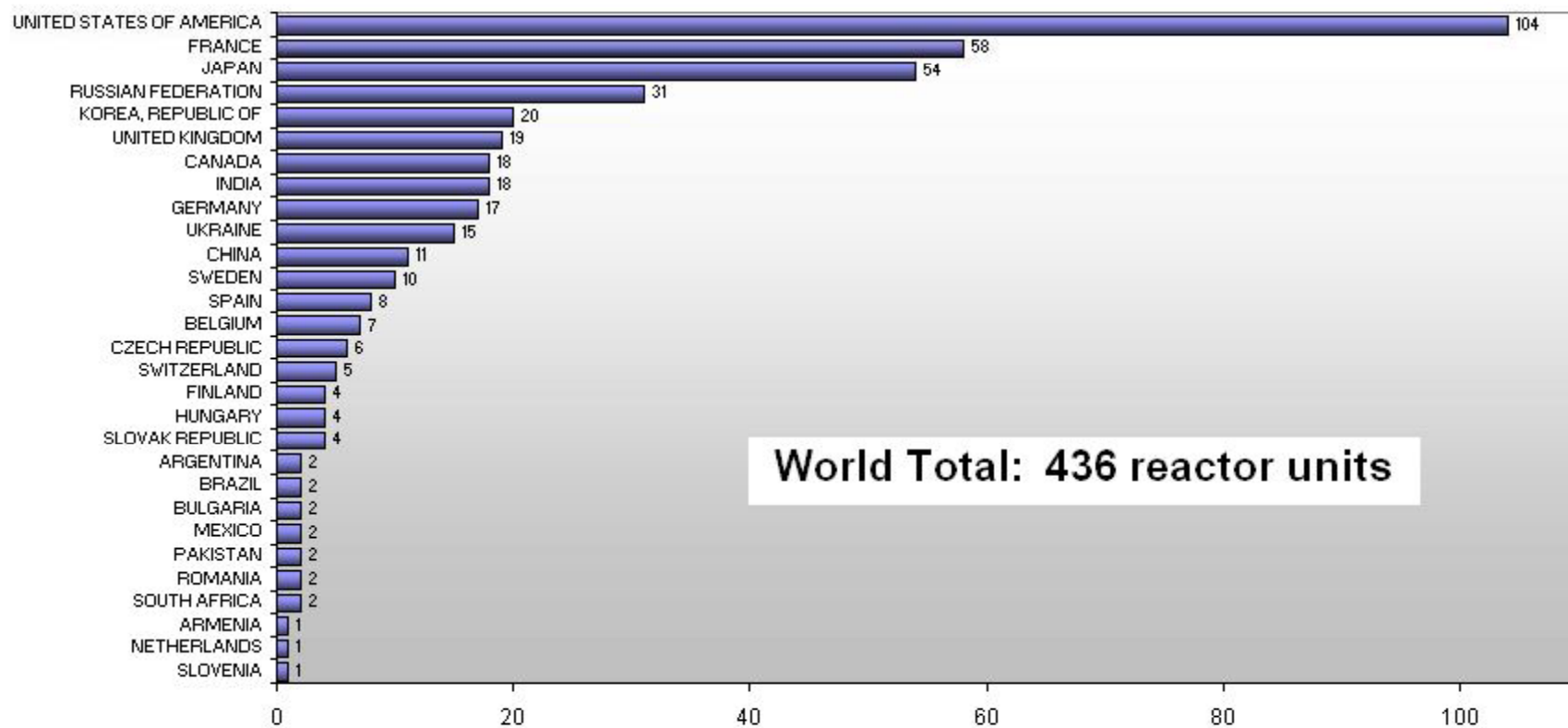


NUCLEAR POWER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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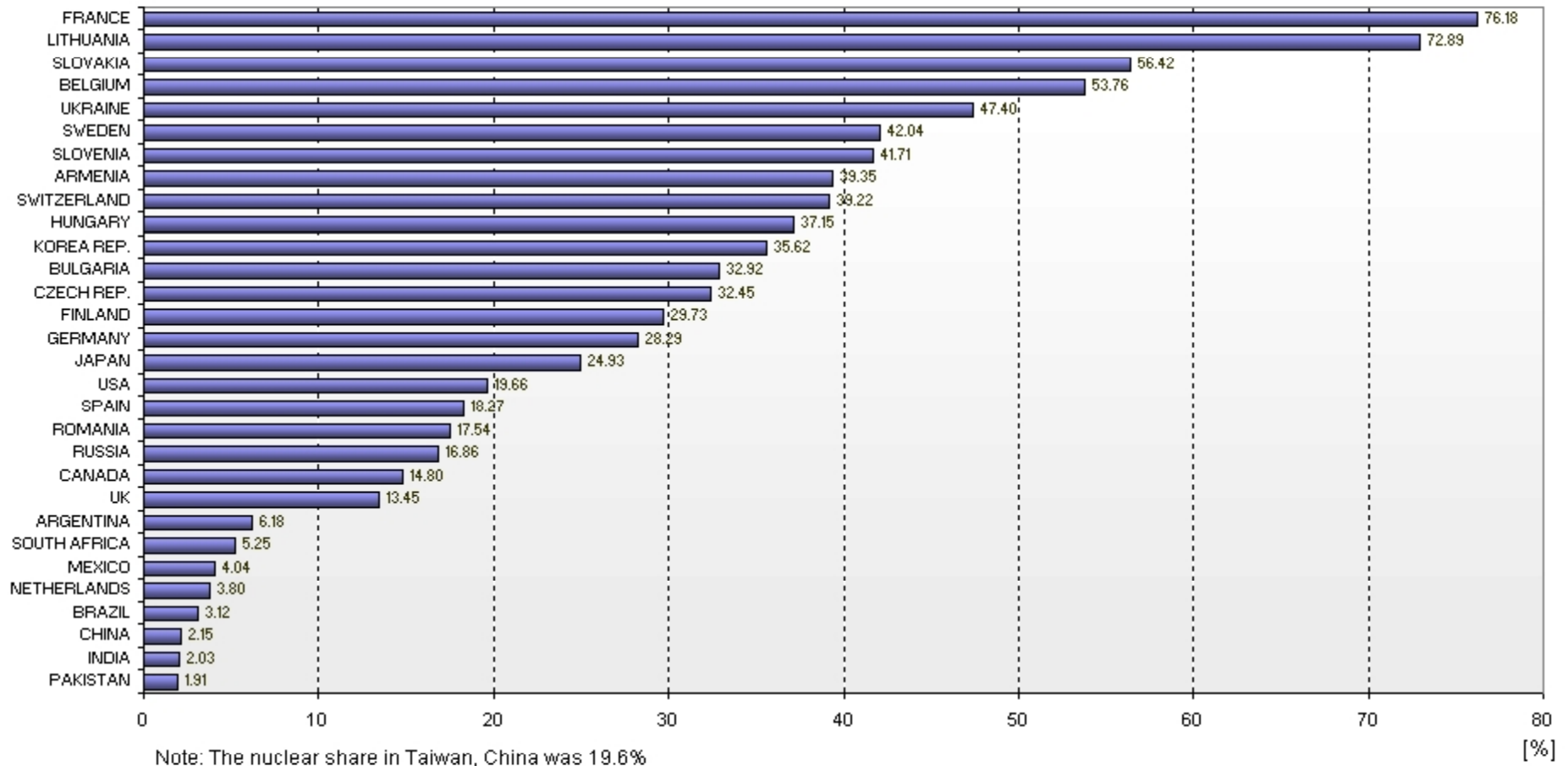
Number of Reactors in Operation Worldwide



Note: Long-term shutdown units (5) are not counted

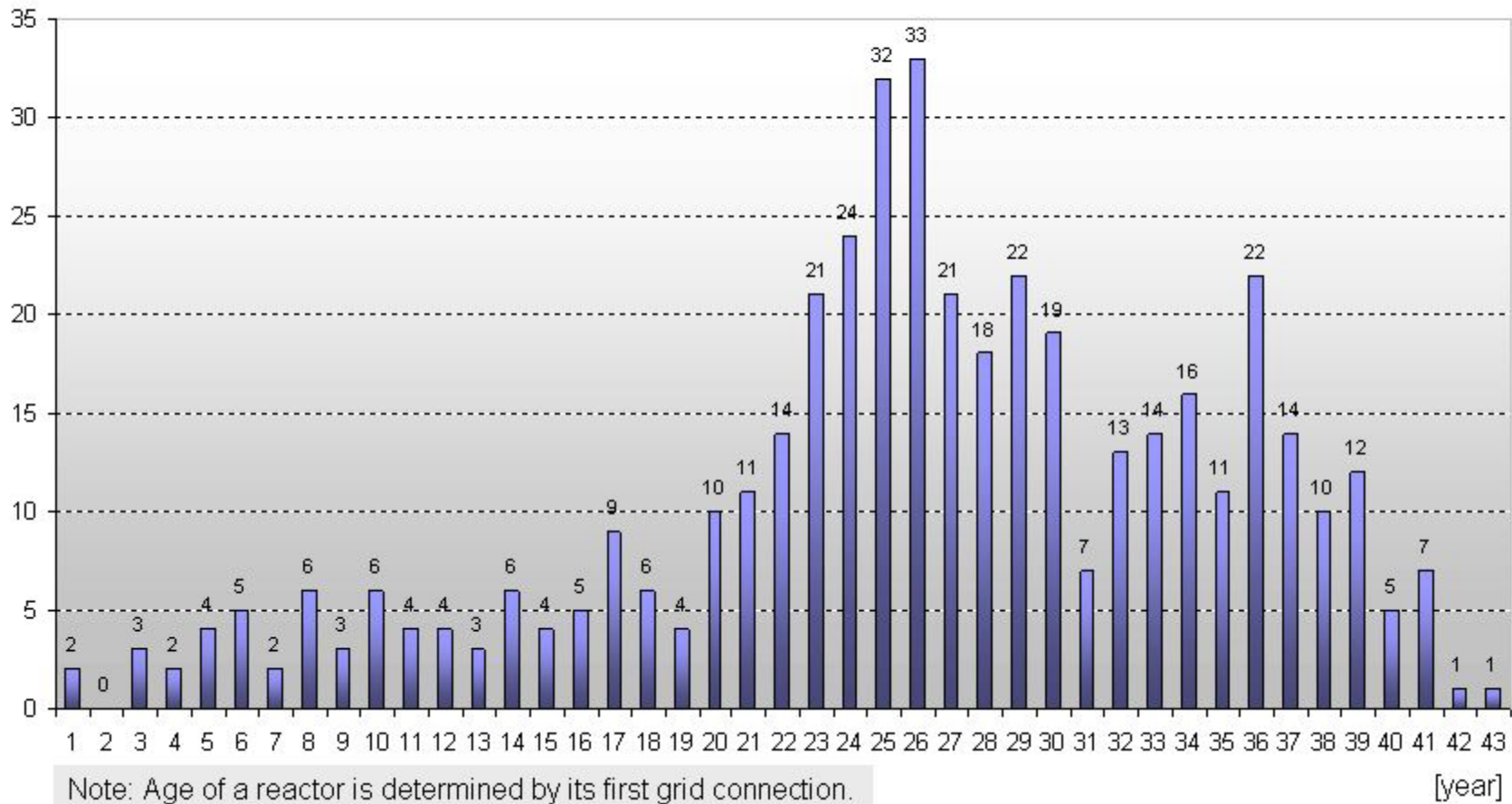
Source: IAEA February 2010

Nuclear Share in Electricity Generation in 2008



Source: IAEA February 2010

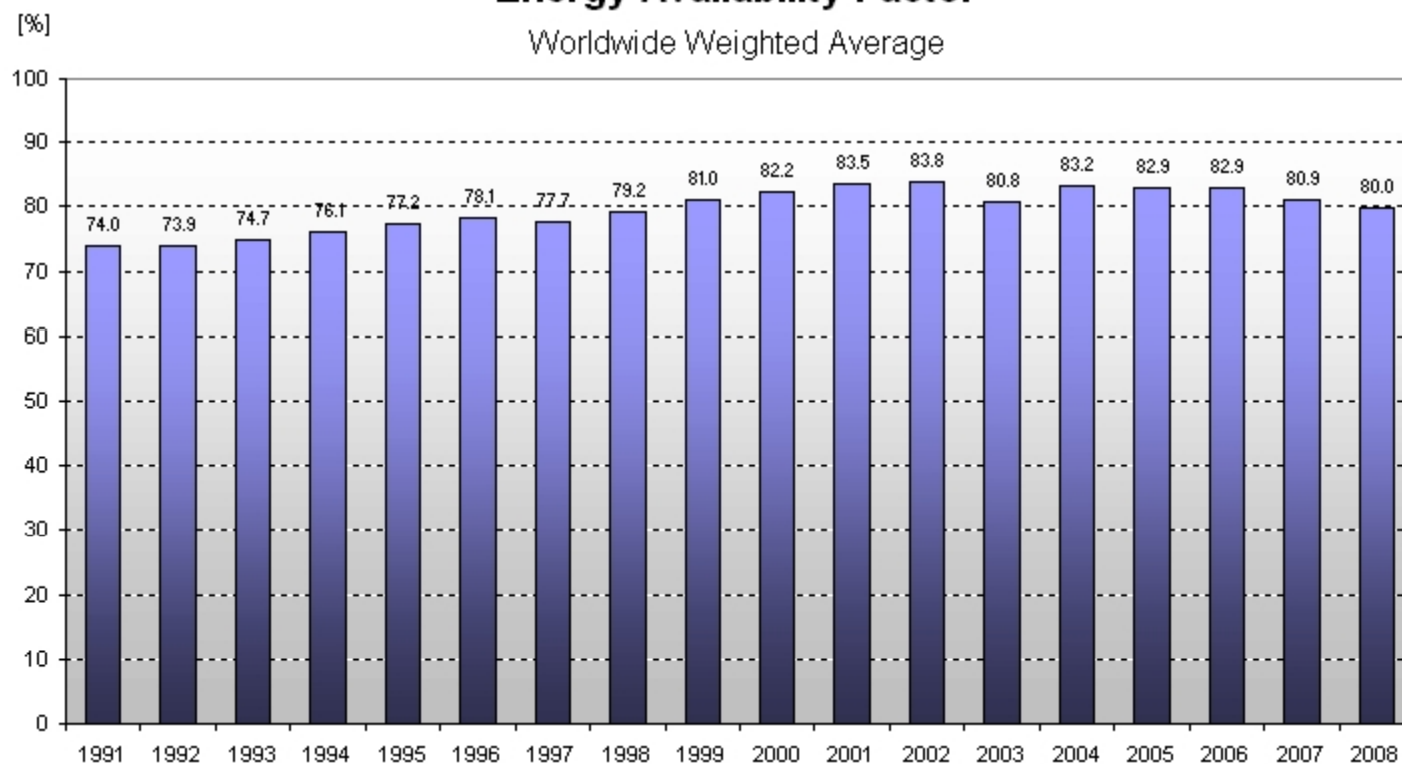
Number of Operating Reactors by Age



Source: IAEA February 2010

Energy Availability Factor

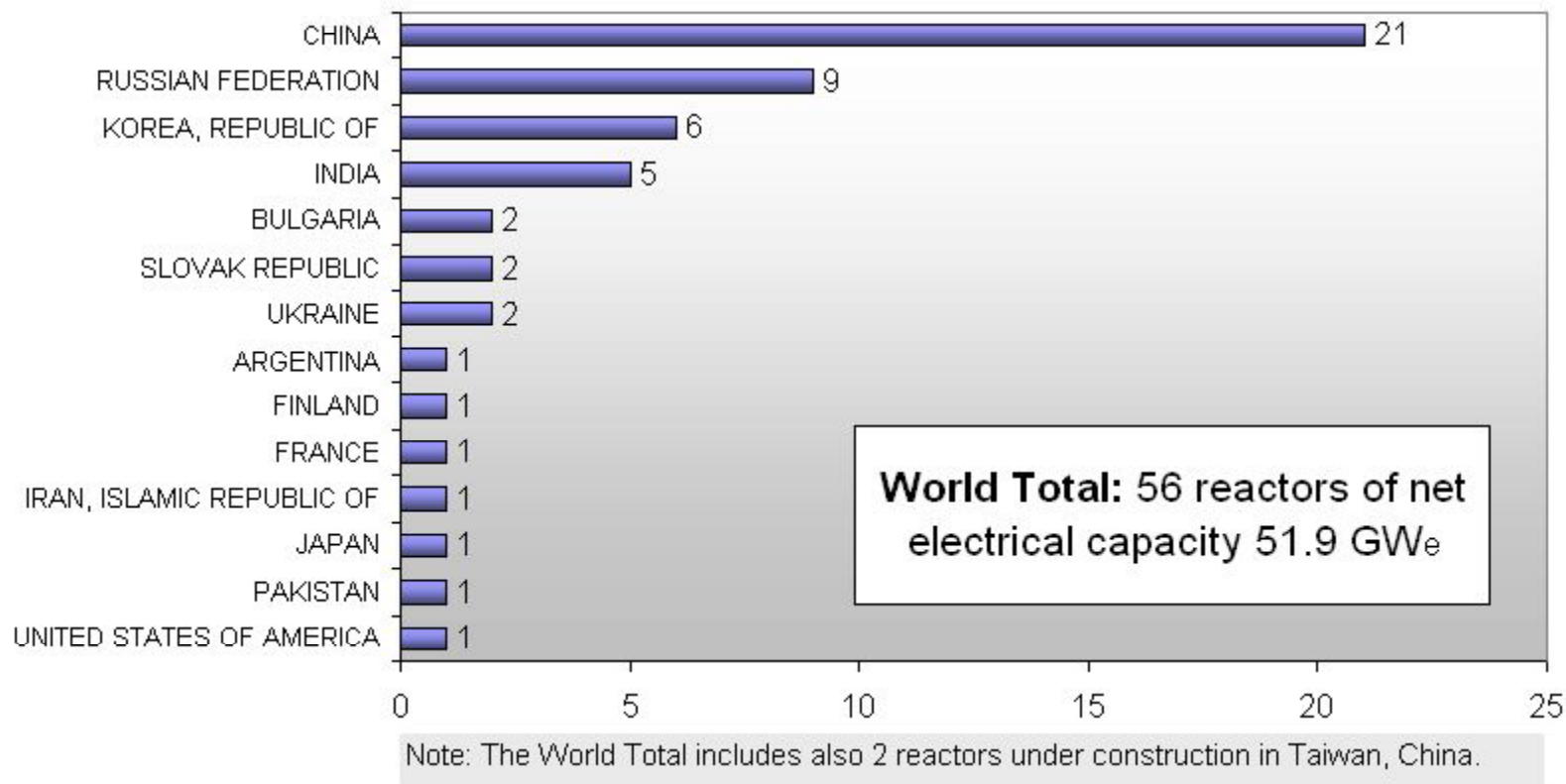
Worldwide Weighted Average



*The **Energy Availability Factor** over a specified period, is the ratio of the energy that the available capacity could have supplied to the grid during this period, to the energy that the reference unit power could have supplied during the same period.*

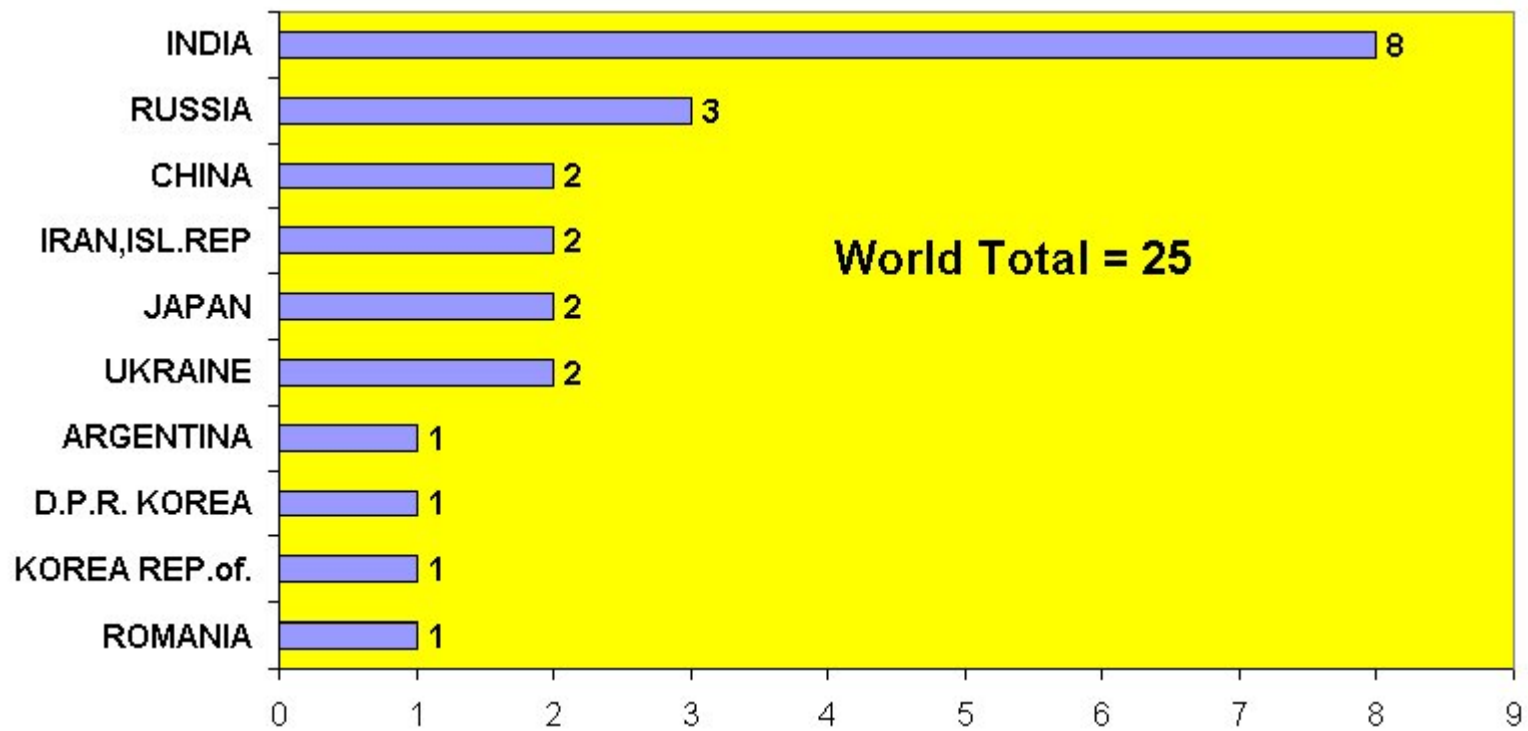
Source: IAEA February 2010

Number of Reactors under Construction Worldwide



Source: IAEA February 2010

Number of Reactors under Construction Worldwide (as of 10 October 2004)



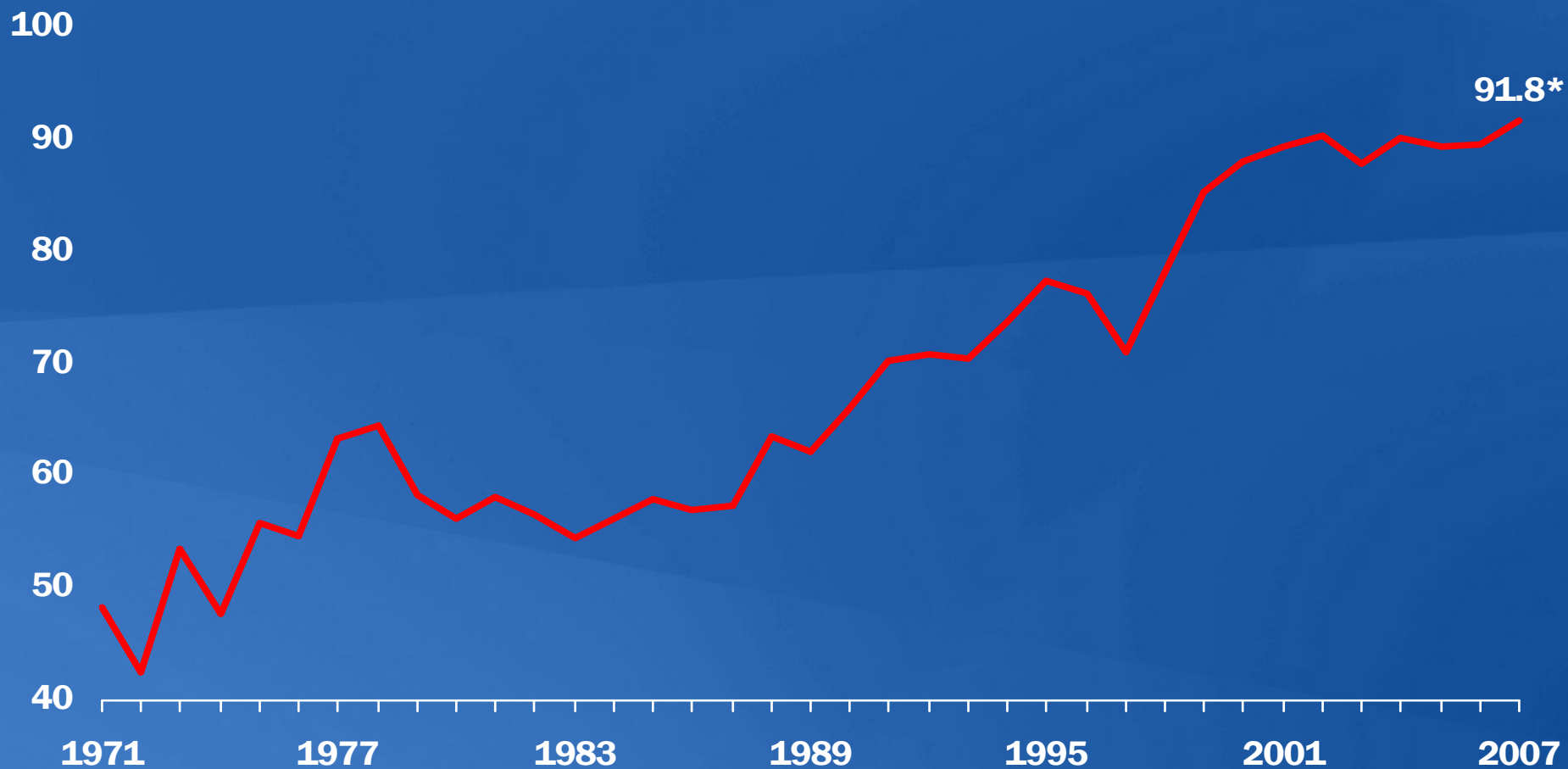
Note: There were also 2 reactors under construction in Taiwan, China.

Source: IAEA October 2004

U.S. LICENSE EXTENSIONS (20 Years)

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| APPROVED: | 59 units |
| IN-PROCESS: | 19 units |
| EXPECTED: | 16 units |

U.S. Nuclear Industry Capacity Factors 1971 - 2007



* Preliminary

Source: Global Energy Decisions / Energy Information Administration

Updated: 4/08



U.S. Nuclear Refueling Outage Days Average

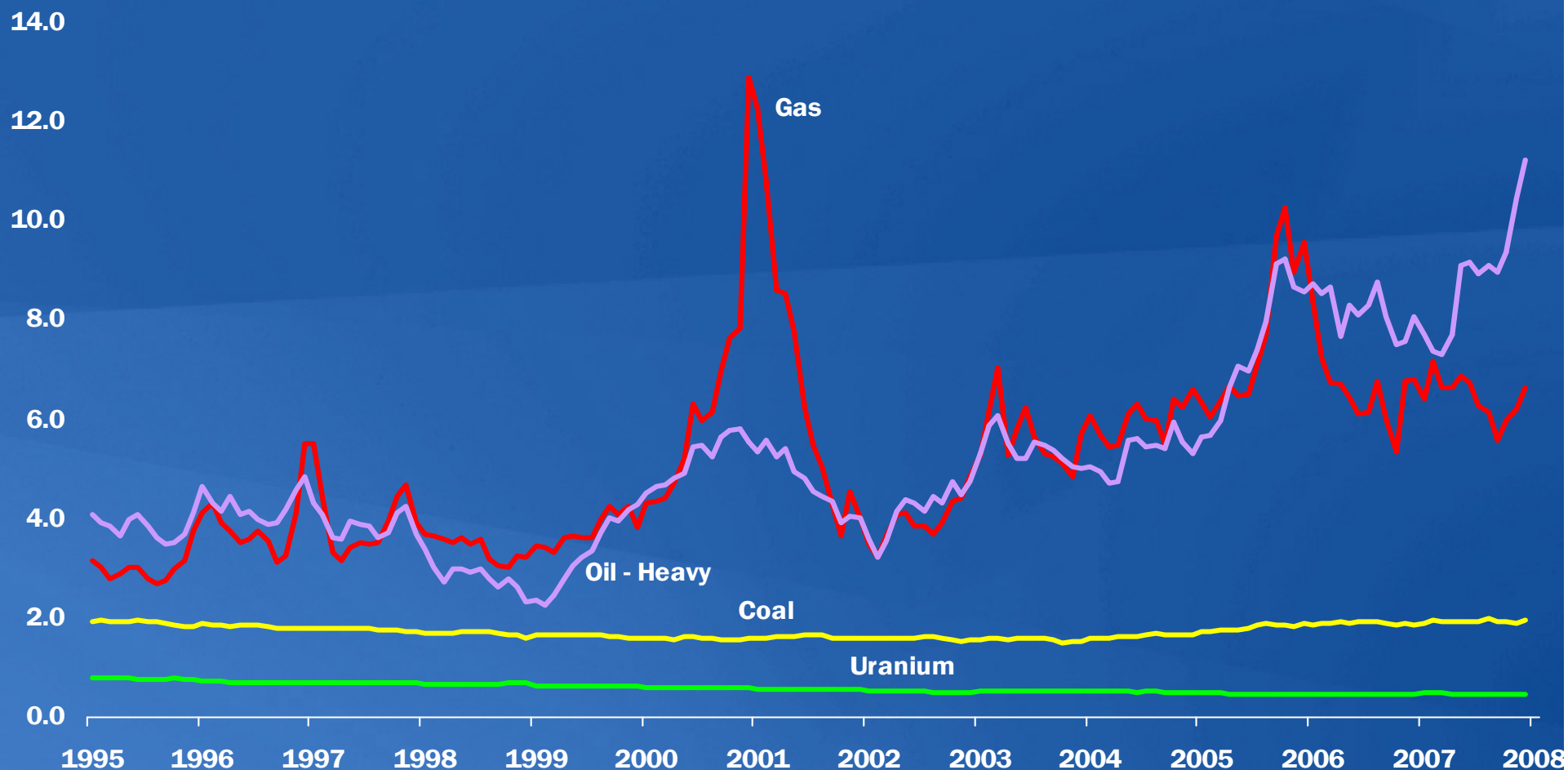


Source: 1990-98 EUCG, 1999-2008 Ventyx Velocity Suite / Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Updated: 1/09

Monthly Fuel Cost to U.S. Electric Utilities

1995 – 2007, *In 2007 cents per kilowatt-hour*

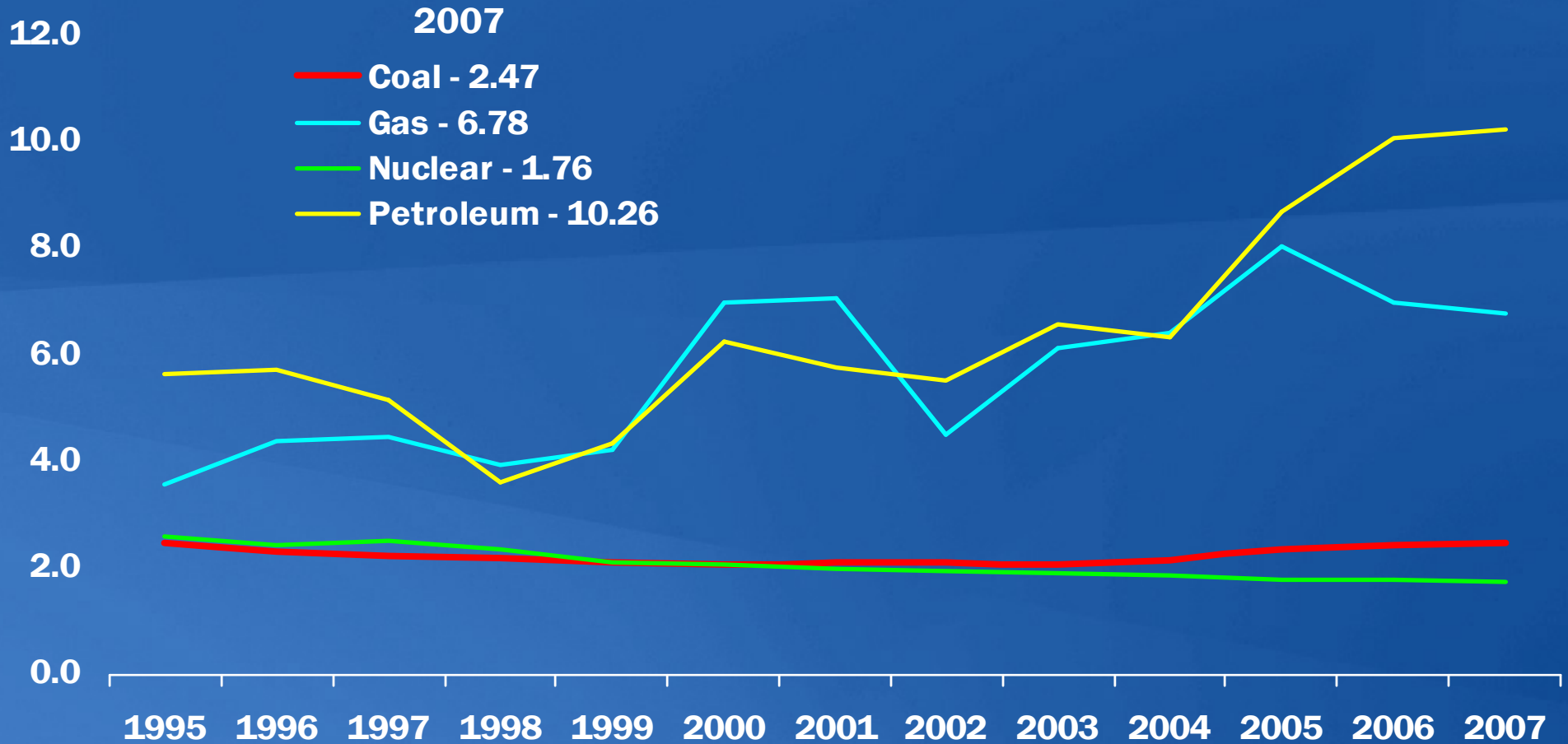


Source: Global Energy Decisions

Updated: 5/08

U.S. Electricity Production Costs

1995-2007, *In 2007 cents per kilowatt-hour*



Production Costs = Operations and Maintenance Costs + Fuel Costs



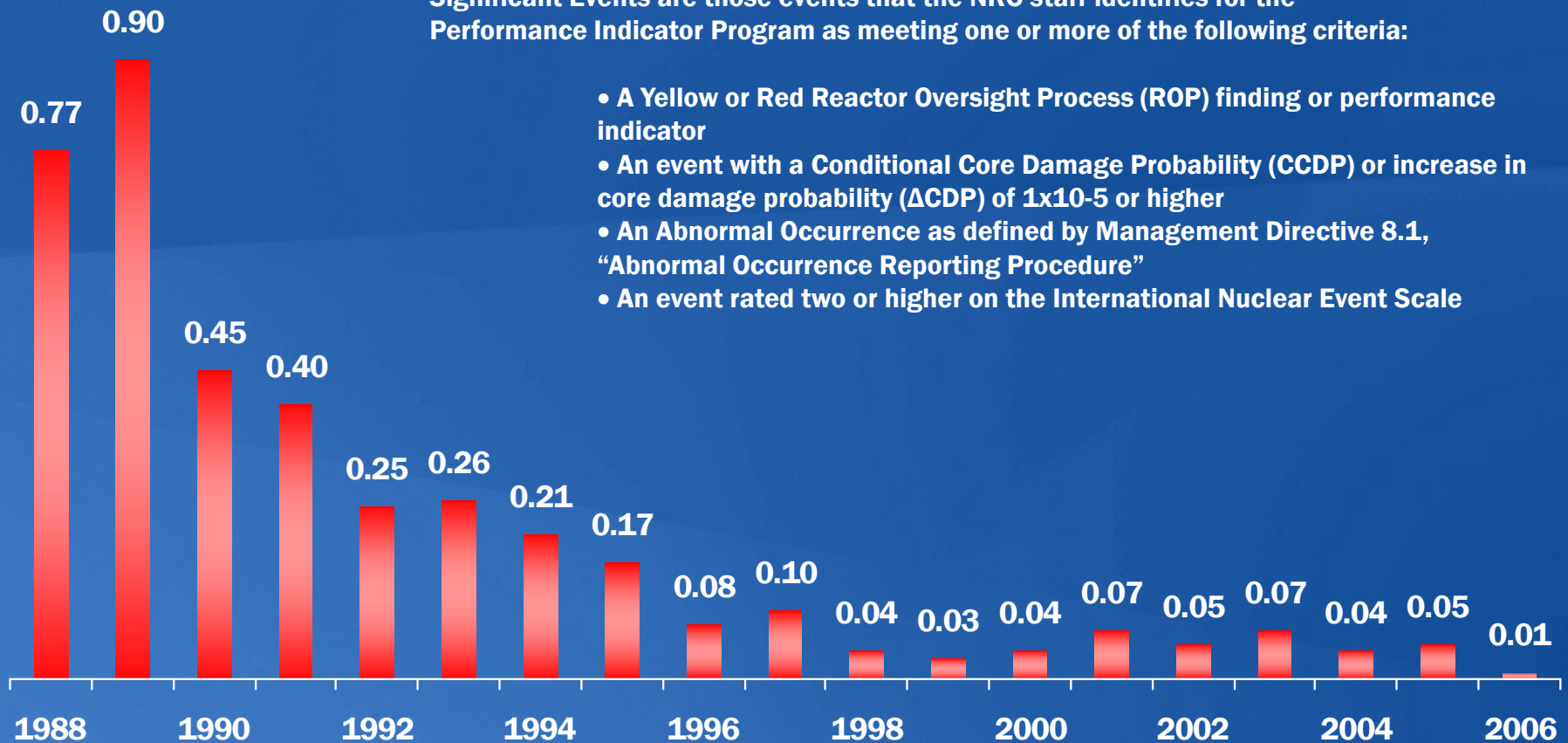
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Significant Events at U.S. Nuclear Plants:

Annual Industry Average, Fiscal Year 1988-2006

Significant Events are those events that the NRC staff identifies for the Performance Indicator Program as meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- A Yellow or Red Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) finding or performance indicator
- An event with a Conditional Core Damage Probability (CCDP) or increase in core damage probability (Δ CCDP) of 1×10^{-5} or higher
- An Abnormal Occurrence as defined by Management Directive 8.1, "Abnormal Occurrence Reporting Procedure"
- An event rated two or higher on the International Nuclear Event Scale



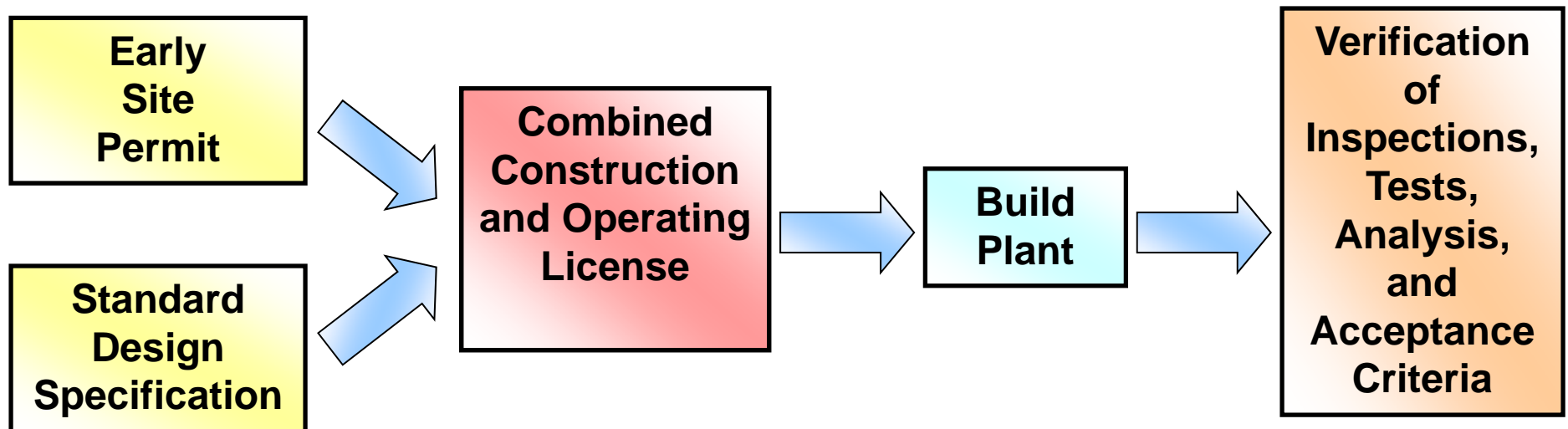
Source: NRC Information Digest, 1988 is the earliest year data is available.
Updated: 11/07

New U.S. Reactor Licensing Process

Old Process: The two-step licensing process (10 CFR 50)



New Process: Combined licensing process (10 CFR 52)



Source: Berger and Parsons (MIT CEEPR 2005)

Issued Design Certifications

Source: NRC Feb 2010

The NRC staff has issued the following design certifications:

| Design | Applicant |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) | General Electric (GE) Nuclear Energy |
| System 80+ | Westinghouse Electric Company |
| Advanced Passive 600 (AP600) | Westinghouse Electric Company |
| Advanced Passive 1000 (AP1000) | Westinghouse Electric Company |

Design Certification Applications Currently Under Review

The staff is currently reviewing the following design certification applications:

| Design | Applicant |
|---|---|
| AP1000 Amendment | Westinghouse Electric Company |
| ABWR Design Certification Rule (DCR) Amendment | South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company |
| Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor (ESBWR) | GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy |
| U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR) | AREVA Nuclear Power |
| U.S. Advanced Pressurized-Water Reactor (US-APWR) | Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. |

Advanced Reactors

Reactor designers are developing a number of small light-water reactor (LWR) and non-LWR designs employing innovative solutions to technical nuclear power issues. These designs could be used for generating electricity in isolated areas or producing high-temperature process heat for industrial purposes. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) expects to receive applications for staff review and approval of some of these designs as early as Fiscal Year 2011.

| Design | Applicant |
|--|---------------------------------|
| International Reactor Innovative and Secure (IRIS) | Westinghouse Electric Company |
| NuScale | NuScale Power, Inc. |
| Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) | PBMR (Pty.), Ltd. |
| Super-Safe, Small and Simple (4S) | Toshiba Corporation |
| Hyperion | Hyperion Power Generation, Inc. |
| Power Reactor Innovative Small Module (PRISM) | GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy |
| mPower | Babcock and Wilcox Company |

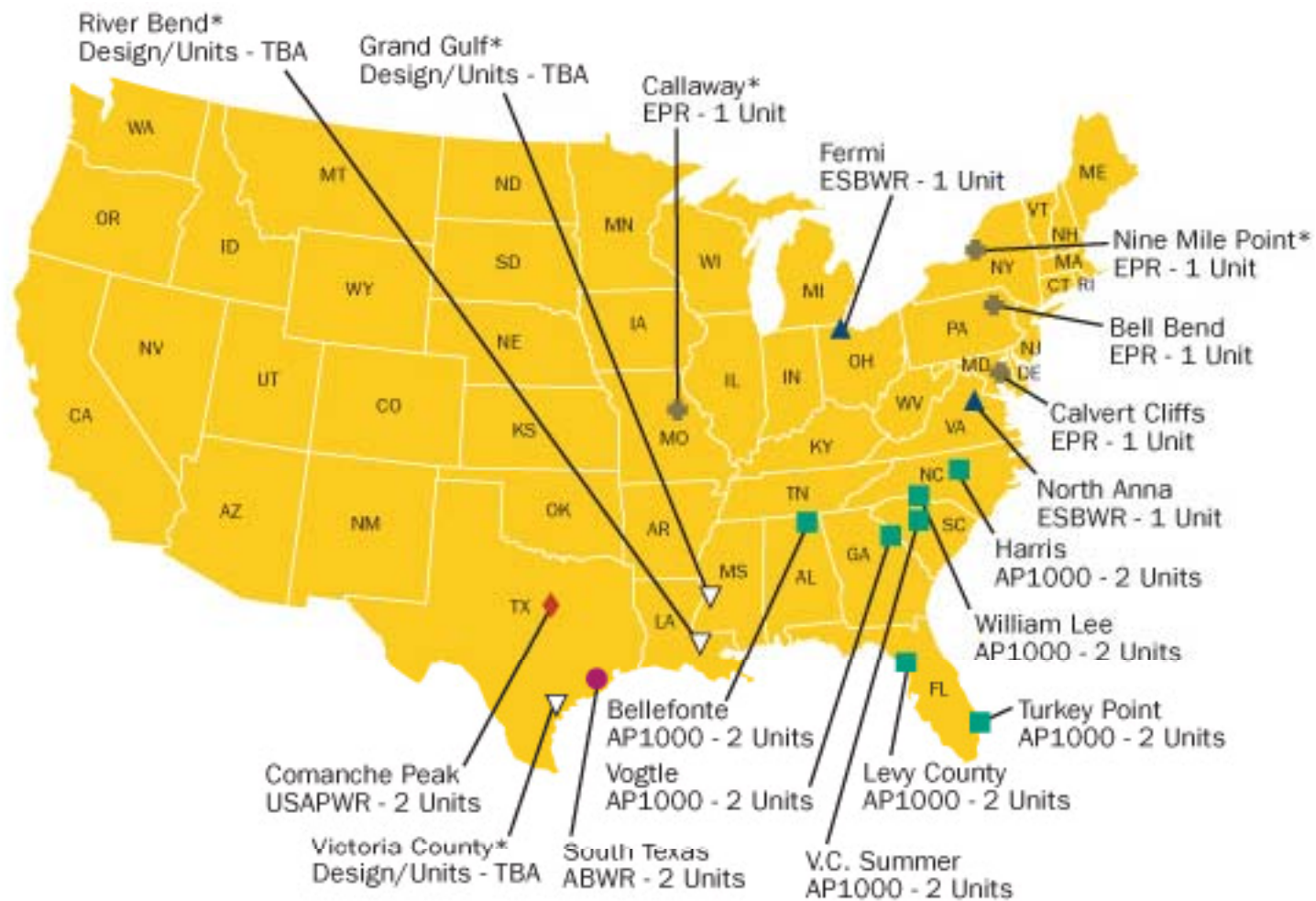
Source: U.S. NRC February 2010

| Expected New Nuclear Power Plant Applications Updated September 28, 2009 | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Company* | Date of Application | Design | Date Accepted | Site Under Consideration | State | Existing Operating Plant |
| Calendar Year (CY) 2007 Applications | | | | | | |
| NRG Energy (52-012/013)** | 09/20/2007 | ABWR | 11/29/2007 | South Texas Project (2 units) | TX | Y |
| NuStar Energy (52-014/015)** | 10/30/2007 | AP1000 | 01/18/2008 | Bellefonte (2 units) | AL | N |
| UNISTAR (52-016)** | 07/13/2007 (Envic.) 03/13/2008 (Safety) | EPR | 01/25/2008 06/03/2008 | Calvert Cliffs (1 unit) | MD | Y |
| Dominion (52-017)** | 11/27/2007 | ESBWR | 01/28/2008 | North Anna (1 unit) | VA | Y |
| Duke (52-018/019)** | 12/13/2007 | AP1000 | 02/25/2008 | William Lee Nuclear Station (2 units) | SC | N |
| 2007 TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS = 5 TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS = 8 | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year (CY) 2008 Applications | | | | | | |
| Progress Energy (52-022/023)** | 02/19/2008 | AP1000 | 04/17/2008 | Harris (2 units) | NC | Y |
| NuStar Energy (52-024)** | 02/27/2008 | ESBWR | 04/17/2008 | Grand Gulf (1 unit) | MS | Y |
| Southern Nuclear Operating Co. (52-025/026)** | 03/31/2008 | AP1000 | 05/30/2008 | Vogtle (2 units) | GA | Y |
| South Carolina Electric & Gas (52-027/028)** | 03/31/2008 | AP1000 | 07/31/2008 | Summer (2 units) | SC | Y |
| Progress Energy (52-029/030)** | 07/30/2008 | AP1000 | 10/06/2008 | Levy County (2 units) | FL | N |
| Detroit Edison (52-033)** | 09/18/2008 | ESBWR | 11/25/2008 | Fermi (1 unit) | MI | Y |
| Luminant Power (52-034/035)** | 09/19/2008 | USAPWR | 12/2/2008 | Comanche Peak (2 units) | TX | Y |
| Energy (52-036)** | 09/25/2008 | ESBWR | 12/4/2008 | River Bend (1 unit) | LA | Y |
| American UE (52-037)** | 07/24/2008 | EPR | 12/12/2008 | Callaway (1 unit) | MO | Y |
| UNISTAR (52-038)** | 09/30/2008 | EPR | 12/12/2008 | Nine Mile Point (1 unit) | NY | Y |
| PPL Generation (52-039)** | 10/10/2008 | EPR | 12/19/2008 | Bell Bend (1 unit) | PA | Y |
| 2008 TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS = 11 TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS = 16 | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year (CY) 2009 Applications | | | | | | |
| Florida Power and Light (763)** | 6/30/2009 | AP1000 | 09/04/2009 | Turkey Point (2 units) | FL | Y |
| Amarillo Power (752) | | EPR | | Vicinity of Amarillo (2 units) | TX | UNK |
| Altamont Energy Holdings (765) | | EPR | | Hammett (1 unit) | ID | N |
| 2009 TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS = 3 TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS = 5 | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year (CY) 2010 Applications | | | | | | |
| Blue Castle Project | | TBD | | Utah | UT | N |
| Uraniumwood | | TBD | | TBD | TBD | UNK |
| 2010 TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS = 2 TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS = 2 | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year (CY) 2011 Applications | | | | | | |
| No Letters of Intent have been received from applicants expressing their plans to submit new COL applications in CY 2011. | | | | | | |
| 2007 – 2011 Total Number of Applications = 21 Total Number of Units = 31 | | | | | | |

*Project Numbers/Docket Numbers **Yellow – Acceptance Review Ongoing ***Blue – Accepted/Docketed

Recent Applications for COLs for 31 New Nuclear Units in US
Many have applied for Federal loan guarantees and other subsidies

U.S. NRC February 2010



You may click on a design name to view the NRC's Web site for the specific design.

● ABWR
 ■ AP1000
 ✕ EPR
 ▲ ESBWR
 ◆ USAPWR
 ▽ Design/Units - TBA

*Review Suspended

Source: U.S. NTC February 2010

Table 1: Costs of Electric Generation Alternatives

| | Overnight Cost | Fuel Cost | Levelized Cost of Electricity |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| | \$/kW | \$/MMBtu | ¢/kWh |
| Nuclear | 4,000 | 0.67 | 8.4 |
| Coal (low) | 2,300 | 1.60 | 5.2 |
| Coal (moderate) | 2,300 | 2.60 | 6.2 |
| Coal (high) | 2,300 | 3.60 | 7.2 |
| Gas (low) | 850 | 4.00 | 4.2 |
| Gas (moderate) | 850 | 7.00 | 6.5 |
| Gas (high) | 850 | 10.00 | 8.7 |

Notes: The low, moderate, and high fuel costs for coal correspond to a \$40, \$65, and \$90/short ton delivered price of Central Appalachian coal (12,500 Btu), respectively. Costs are measured in 2007 dollars.

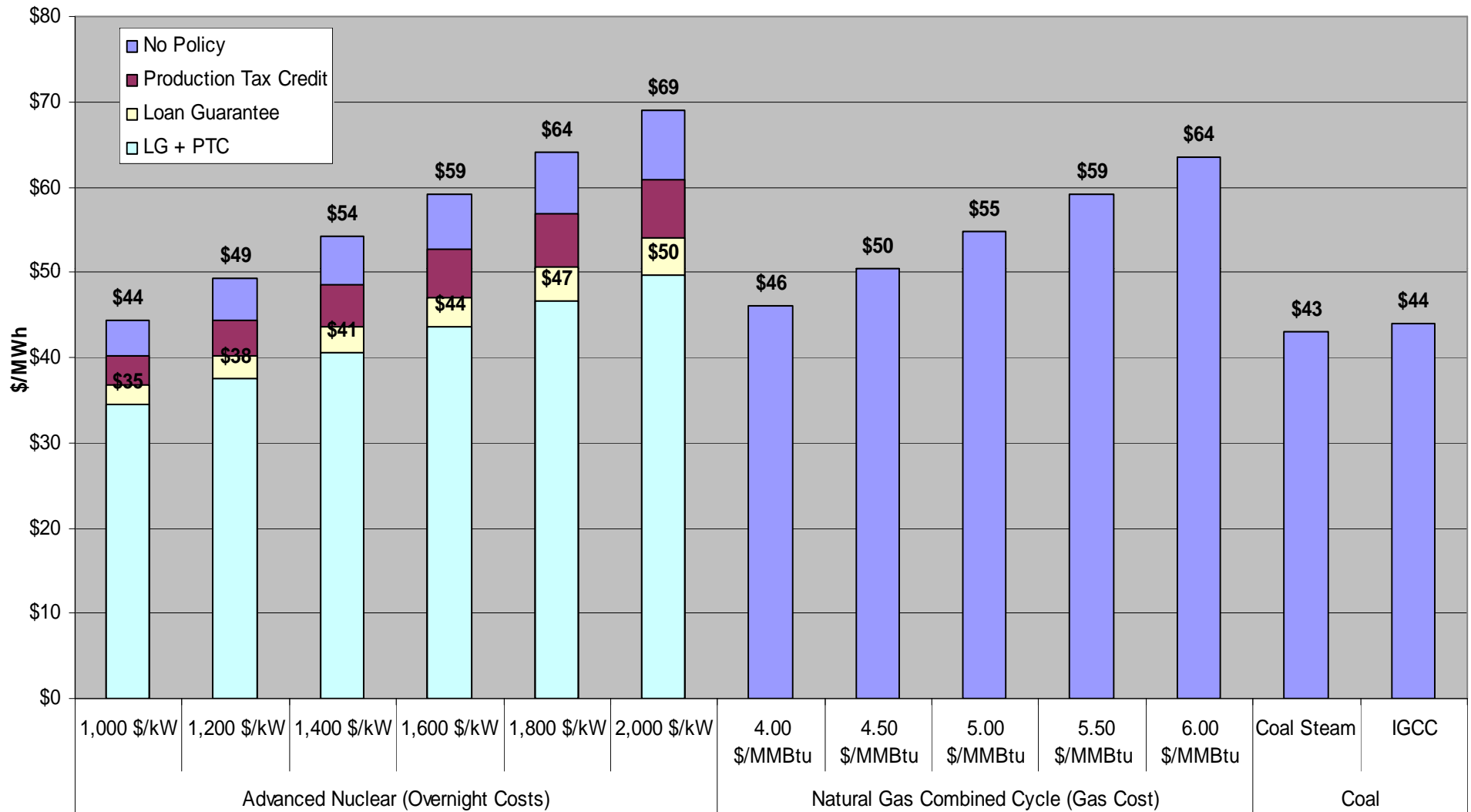
Joskow and Parsons (2009) as reported by Du and Parsons (2009)

Table 2: Costs of Electric Generation Alternatives, Inclusive of Carbon Charge

| | Overnight Cost | Fuel Cost | Levelized Cost of Electricity w/carbon charge \$25/tCO ₂ | Levelized Cost of Electricity w/carbon charge \$50/tCO ₂ |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---|--|
| | \$/kW | \$/MMBtu | ¢/kWh | ¢/kWh |
| Nuclear | 4,000 | 0.67 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| Coal (low) | 2,300 | 1.60 | 7.3 | 9.4 |
| Coal (moderate) | 2,300 | 2.60 | 8.3 | 10.4 |
| Coal (high) | 2,300 | 3.60 | 9.3 | 11.4 |
| Gas (low) | 850 | 4.00 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| Gas (moderate) | 850 | 7.00 | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| Gas (high) | 850 | 10.00 | 9.6 | 10.5 |

Joskow and Parsons (2009) as reported by Du and Parsons (2009)

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 Reduces Costs for First Movers



Source: Berger and Parsons (MIT CEEPR 2005) Loan Guarantees: \$8.5 → \$34 billion

| Current Nuclear Programmes* | 2008 | 2030 Low | 2030 High | 2060 Low | 2060 High | 2100 Low | 2100 High |
|--|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Click Countries for further information</i> | <i>Capacity in GWe</i> | | | | | | |
| Argentina | 1 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 30 | 10 | 90 |
| Armenia | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Belarus | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
| Belgium | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 22 |
| Brazil | 2 | 10 | 30 | 40 | 100 | 70 | 330 |
| Bulgaria | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| Canada | 13 | 20 | 30 | 25 | 40 | 30 | 85 |
| China | 9 | 50 | 200 | 150 | 750 | 500 | 2800 |
| Czech Republic | 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 15 |
| Finland | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 11 |
| France | 63 | 65 | 75 | 80 | 110 | 80 | 130 |
| Germany | 20 | 20 | 50 | 40 | 80 | 80 | 175 |
| Hungary | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 12 |
| India | 4 | 20 | 70 | 60 | 500 | 200 | 2750 |
| Iran | 0 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 30 | 10 | 140 |
| Japan | 48 | 55 | 70 | 80 | 140 | 80 | 200 |
| Lithuania/ Latvia/ Estonia | 1 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| Mexico | 1 | 2 | 20 | 3 | 75 | 20 | 225 |
| Netherlands | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 20 | 10 | 35 |
| Pakistan | 0 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 65 | 30 | 180 |
| Romania | 1 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 20 | 10 | 25 |
| Russia | 22 | 45 | 80 | 75 | 180 | 100 | 200 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| South Africa | 2 | 8 | 25 | 30 | 50 | 30 | 55 |
| South Korea (& North Korea) | 18 | 25 | 50 | 45 | 80 | 70 | 145 |
| Spain | 7 | 8 | 20 | 20 | 50 | 25 | 60 |
| Sweden | 9 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 11 |
| Ukraine | 13 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 40 | 20 | 45 |
| United Kingdom | 11 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 80 | 40 | 140 |
| United States | 99 | 120 | 180 | 150 | 400 | 250 | 1200 |
| SUBTOTAL | 367 | 559 | 1087 | 951 | 2939 | 1729 | 9137 |

WNA 2010

| Nations Planning Nuclear | 2008 | 2030 Low | 2030 High | 2060 Low | 2060 High | 2100 Low | 2100 High |
|--|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Click Countries for further information</i> | <i>Capacity in GWe</i> | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 0 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 40 | 10 | 90 |
| Gulf Cooperation Council* | 0 | 12 | 50 | 30 | 80 | 40 | 175 |
| Indonesia | 0 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 35 | 5 | 175 |
| Kazakhstan | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 20 |
| Nigeria | 0 | 2 | 15 | 10 | 40 | 20 | 120 |
| Poland | 0 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 40 | 20 | 50 |
| Turkey | 0 | 5 | 15 | 10 | 50 | 20 | 160 |
| Vietnam | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 30 | 6 | 120 |
| SUBTOTAL | 0 | 30 | 112 | 78 | 300 | 126 | 910 |

**Gulf Cooperation Council members are Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates*

WNA 2010

| Potential Entrants | 2008 | 2030 Low | 2030 High | 2060 Low | 2060 High | 2100 Low | 2100 High |
|--|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Click Countries for further information</i> | <i>Capacity in GWe</i> | | | | | | |
| Albania | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| Algeria | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 5 | 40 |
| Australia | 0 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 20 | 60 |
| Austria | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| Bangladesh | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 40 | 20 | 90 |
| Chile | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 10 | 38 |
| Croatia | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Denmark | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Iraq | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 6 | 60 |
| Ireland | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| Israel | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 20 |
| Italy | 0 | 7 | 20 | 10 | 40 | 25 | 70 |
| Jordan | 0 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 12 |
| Kenya | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 24 |
| Malaysia and Singapore | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 30 |
| Morocco | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 5 | 40 |
| New Zealand | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Norway | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| Philippines | 0 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 60 | 20 | 95 |
| Portugal | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 14 |
| Serbia | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 14 |
| Syria | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 25 |
| Thailand | 0 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 40 | 15 | 50 |
| Venezuela | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 8 | 60 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 40 | 20 | 200 |
| SUBTOTAL | 0 | 13 | 140 | 111 | 429 | 207 | 999 |
| WORLD TOTAL | 367 | 602 | 1339 | 1140 | 3688 | 2062 | 11046 |

Source: WNA 2010

WHY INTEREST IN NUCLEAR?

- Forecasts of high fossil fuel prices
- Energy (primarily natural gas) security concerns
- Respond to expected future CO₂ emission constraints and other air pollution problems
- Acquire modern technological expertise for peaceful uses of nuclear power
- Acquire capabilities to produce nuclear weapons in the future

ISSUES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Big ticket items. Construction (capital) costs with interest during construction on the order \$9 billion (nominal with IDC) for a 1,600 Mw unit, though the costs may be lower in developing countries
- All major pieces of equipment will (at least initially) be imported from a limited number of suppliers
- Regulatory and management expertise to ensure quality, safety and security over the life-cycle from construction through operations
- Alternative sources of electricity (and desalinization) may be less costly, require less capital, less construction and operating expertise, and are more compatible with grid infrastructure and other sector problems
- Nuclear weapons proliferation concerns
- Long term waste management and storage

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS INFORMATION

Last three years Energy Availability Factor

(Includes only operational reactors from 2006 up to 2008)

| Country | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2006-2008 | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | No. of Reactors | <u>EAF (%)</u> | No. of Reactors | <u>EAF (%)</u> | No. of Reactors | <u>EAF (%)</u> | No. of Reactors | <u>EA (%)</u> |
| ARGENTINA | 2 | 87.6 | 2 | 82.7 | 2 | 83.7 | 2 | 84. |
| ARMENIA | 1 | 76.1 | 1 | 73.8 | 1 | 69 | 1 | 7 |
| BELGIUM | 7 | 87.7 | 7 | 90.5 | 7 | 84.6 | 7 | 87. |
| BRAZIL | 2 | 81 | 2 | 78.4 | 2 | 86.2 | 2 | 81. |
| BULGARIA | 4 | 79.9 | 2 | 82.5 | 2 | 87.5 | 4 | 82. |
| CANADA | 18 | 84.6 | 18 | 80.7 | 18 | 80 | 18 | 81. |
| CHINA | 9 | 87.3 | 11 | 86.5 | 11 | 86.5 | 11 | 86. |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | 6 | 79.4 | 6 | 78.3 | 6 | 78 | 6 | 78. |
| FINLAND | 4 | 92.8 | 4 | 94.7 | 4 | 92.5 | 4 | 93. |
| FRANCE | 59 | 81.6 | 59 | 78.5 | 59 | 77.6 | 59 | 79. |
| GERMANY | 17 | 89.6 | 17 | 75.7 | 17 | 79.9 | 17 | 81. |
| HUNGARY | 4 | 81.5 | 4 | 87.1 | 4 | 86.1 | 4 | 8 |
| INDIA | 16 | 55 | 17 | 51.6 | 17 | 43.6 | 17 | 49. |
| JAPAN | 55 | 69.1 | 55 | 63.2 | 55 | 57 | 55 | 63. |
| KOREA, REPUBLIC OF | 20 | 92.3 | 20 | 90.2 | 20 | 93.2 | 20 | 91. |
| LITHUANIA, REPUBLIC OF | 1 | 73.5 | 1 | 83.8 | 1 | 84.5 | 1 | 80. |
| MEXICO | 2 | 93.9 | 2 | 89.7 | 2 | 83.1 | 2 | 8 |
| NETHERLANDS | 1 | 84.6 | 1 | 95.1 | 1 | 92.6 | 1 | 90. |
| PAKISTAN | 2 | 70.7 | 2 | 68.1 | 2 | 55.5 | 2 | 64. |
| ROMANIA | 1 | 90.3 | 2 | 96 | 2 | 90.3 | 2 | 91. |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION | 31 | 75.1 | 31 | 76.9 | 31 | 80.6 | 31 | 77. |
| SLOVAK REPUBLIC | 6 | 82.5 | 5 | 82.1 | 5 | 87.8 | 6 | 8 |
| SLOVENIA | 1 | 89.9 | 1 | 90.9 | 1 | 98.6 | 1 | 93. |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 2 | 65.6 | 2 | 80.4 | 2 | 81.3 | 2 | 75. |
| SPAIN | 9 | 87.7 | 8 | 81.1 | 8 | 86.4 | 9 | 85. |
| SWEDEN | 10 | 82.7 | 10 | 80.9 | 10 | 77.8 | 10 | 80. |
| SWITZERLAND | 5 | 92.8 | 5 | 93.5 | 5 | 92 | 5 | 92. |
| UKRAINE | 15 | 77.8 | 15 | 77.3 | 15 | 77.1 | 15 | 77. |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 23 | 67.1 | 19 | 63.3 | 19 | 54.3 | 23 | 61. |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | 103 | 91 | 104 | 92.1 | 104 | 91.1 | 104 | 91. |
| World Wide | 442 | 82.9 | 439 | 80.9 | 439 | 80 | 447 | 81. |

Source: IAEA 2-10

Abu Dhabi Deal with Korean Consortium as a Model

- December 2009 Abu Dhabi announces contract to purchase 4 nuclear units (5,600 Mw) from a Korean consortium to be completed by 2020
- \$20 billion for construction (rumored that competing bids 25% to 50% higher with less favorable allocation of risks of cost increases)
- \$20 billion 60-year operating contract with KEPCO
- Beat out GE-Japanese consortium and AREVA
- First export sale of nuclear plants by Korea

Abu Dhabi Nuclear Fuel Supply and Regulation

- Forgoes enrichment of uranium
- Plans to source fuel, enrichment and fabrication externally under long term contracts or leases
- Will seek third party storage of nuclear waste
- Reaffirmed NPT commitments in 2009
- Established Federal Authority of Nuclear Regulation and has begun to hire experts from other countries to lead it

Rationale

- Domestic gas supplies will run out over the next couple of decades
- Imports from Qatar already are used to produce 60% of electricity
- Imports will be costly and raise energy security concerns
- Prepare infrastructure for a large future commitment to nuclear power for electricity generation
- Better than solar and wind as a carbon free source of electricity

Other Countries Close

- Turkey (Korean Consortium)
- Vietnam (Russia)
- A new generation of smaller reactors may be better suited to developing countries
- But they are far from being a reality
- There has been big talk about a nuclear “renaissance,” but so far the real action has been limited to a few countries