



**All nukes, all the time....**Both friends and foes of nuclear-generated electricity should prepare to hear a lot about it in the coming months—or make that—*years*. **Nuclear Energy Institute**, the industry's trade association, plans a multi-year ad campaign to burnish nuke's image as license applications for four new plants begin a review process lasting until 2010. No new plant has been licensed in the U.S. since **1978**, but old units are being relicensed and utilities are actively discussing 10 new ones by the middle of the next decade. Wisconsin's **WE Energies** says recently relicensed **Point Beach** units could go up for sale, following the July '05 transfer of the nearby **Kewaunee** plant from **WI Public Service** to Virginia's **Dominion Energy** and a trend toward specialist operating companies acquiring nuke plants from general utilities. State lawmakers launch a new bid to repeal the **1983 moratorium** on nuke construction. Senator **Joe Leibham** and Assembly Majority Leader **Mike Huebsch** in a February memo to colleagues cite the projected need for 12 new base-load power plants by 2016 and say nukes are safe, clean, and shouldn't be excluded from discussion.