

# Flash Note

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## Wind could benefit from German nuclear phase out

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Germany's chancellor Angela Merkel recently announced that all nuclear power plants will be phased out by 2022 as a consequence of the Fukushima disaster earlier this year. Germany will face a significant power gap from the removal of nearly a quarter of its total generation mix. Although new fossil fuel generation is expected to satisfy immediate demand, renewable energy sources are expected to fill the gap in the long term. Offshore wind, a scalable clean power source, is well suited to replace Germany's nuclear fleet. Indications of improved policy conditions in the wake of the policy event could adjust German market fundamentals in a favorable direction for wind energy development.

This Flash Note examines German nuclear power policy and the implications it could have on proposed policy amendments. The analysis includes a specific focus on German offshore wind power development.

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