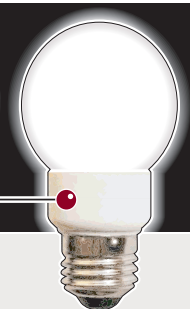


EU sees the light

Incandescent light bulbs will be switched off in Europe by 2009 in a shift from traditional light bulbs to energy-efficient lamps. The move follows similar plans in the U.S. states of California and New Jersey, as well as Australia, New Zealand, Venezuela and Cuba



Incandescent bulbs: 3.6bn currently in use in 27-member EU. 2.1bn sold every year



LED bulbs: Could cut energy use by half, saving about 23 megatonnes of CO₂ or a cost saving of 7bn EUR