



Access Authorization & Fitness for Duty Workshop



July 13–17, 2026 | **Knoxville, TN** | nei.org/aaffd

Agenda

Monday, July 13

Optional Training (additional Fee)

7 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Registration
7 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Steering Committee - INVITE ONLY All day meeting discussion on new rule comments.
Noon – 1 p.m.	LUNCH
1 – 4:30 p.m. <i>Additional Fee</i>	Medical Review Officer Rule Course Led by, Dr. Todd Simo, HireRight

Tuesday, July 14

Optional Town Hall (additional Fee)

7 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration
7 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	New Rule Town Hall Discussion
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch
Noon - 4 p.m.	Exhibitor Check-in and Set-up



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Wednesday, July 15

AA/FFD Workshop

7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration

7 – 8 a.m.

Breakfast

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Additional Fee

Fatigue New Rule Discussion

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

General Session - Descriptions below:

8 – 8:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Johnny Rogers

Nuclear Energy Institute

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

A Look Ahead: SMR/Micro Reactors

Jon Facemire, *NEI*

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

SAVE Program: A Review of Program Changes & Enhancements

Tim Benz, *DHS*

10:30 – 11 a.m.

Break

11 – 11:45 a.m.

PADS Presentation

Tammy Bond, NEI, Zach Schwenk, Curtiss Wright

11:45 a.m. – Noon

Game Time

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch



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1 – 2 p.m.

Forensic Lab Panel Discussion

Jason Hudson, Quest Labs
Eva Reichhardt, Abbott Labs

2 – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

Game Time

2:40 – 3:30 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence in Nuclear

Kelli Voelsing, NEI

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Behavior Observation, A Medical Perspective

Brian Keefe, Carelton

4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Johnny Rogers

Nuclear Energy Institute

5 – 7 p.m.

Offsite NEI Networking Event | Co-Sponsored by Pinnacle Investigations

Location: Knoxville Sunsphere



Thursday, July 16

7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration

7 - 8 a.m.

Breakfast



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8 – 8:30 a.m.

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Employee Concerns, Partnering for Success

Kayleigh Sanders, South Texas

Andrew Blattell, Evergy

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Workforce Planning

James Chesnut, Day Zimmerman

10:30 – 11 a.m.

Break

11 – 11:45 a.m.

Cyber New Rule Changes

Richard Mogovero, NEI

11:45 a.m. – Noon

Game Time

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 – 2 p.m.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Fitness-for-Duty New Rule

Brian Zaleski, NRC

2 – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

Game Time

2:40 – 3:30 p.m.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Access Authorization New Rule

Brad Baxter, NRC

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Fatigue Topic Discussion Panel

Shayne Curtis, Xcel Energy

Matt May, Southern

Luke Greene, TVA



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4:30 p.m.

Closing Final Remarks

Johnny Rogers

Nuclear Energy Institute

Friday, July 17

Optional Training (additional Fee)

7 – 8 a.m.

Breakfast

8 a.m. – Noon

Additional Fee

4-hour Session: Licensed Professionals Training