

Nuclear Energy Policy Forum



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Agenda

Tuesday, May 12

9:30 a.m. Registration Opens

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Connect

Stop by before the program kicks off to network with colleagues.

11:00 a.m. State of the Nuclear Industry Address

- Maria Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute

11:30 a.m. Fireside Chat: Meeting Energy Demand with Nuclear

- Joel Kaplan, Meta
- Jim Burke, Vistra
- In conversation with: Maria Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute

12:00 p.m. Presentation of the William S. Lee Award for Industry Leadership

- Presented to: William Magwood, Nuclear Energy Agency
- Presented by: Drew Marsh, Entergy

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Panel: Growing the Nuclear Workforce: Policy, Labor and Industry Cooperation

Hear how collaborative efforts to grow the nuclear workforce are producing positive results and positioning nuclear as a career of the future. Dig into the structure of successful workforce programs that can be replicated.

Speakers:

- Brandon Gibson, Office of Governor Bill Lee, State of Tennessee
- Matthew Warren, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Richard Coaxum, Constellation
- Will Wagner, Bechtel
- Moderator: Michelle Scott, U.S. Department of Energy

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2:00 p.m. Panel: Maintaining Durable Support for Nuclear Energy

Current and former political officials will highlight the drivers for public and policy support of nuclear energy, how nuclear helps us achieve shared goals and how policy tools are maximizing nuclear power.

Speakers:

- Rita Baranwal, Radiant
- Carol Browner, Nuclear Matters Advocacy Council
- Tom Graves, Nuclear Matters Advocacy Council
- Moderator: Monica Trauzzi, Smart Electric Power Alliance

2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Panel: Energy Policy in 2026

Nuclear is at the forefront of energy policy in 2026. This discussion will explore key focus areas for the year, including early mover support, the policy/regulatory nexus and enabling U.S. leadership in nuclear.

Speakers:

- Niko McMurray, ClearPath
- Erik Funkhouser, Good Energy Collective
- Moderator: Elana Schor, Semafor

3:45 p.m. Fireside Chat: Expanding Nuclear Around the World

This conversation will highlight the imperative to deploy nuclear around the world and how nuclear promotes energy stability and other shared goals.

- Paul Saunders, Center for the National Interest
- Moderator: Jay Tilden, Nuclear Energy and National Security Coalition

4:05 p.m. Keynote and Discussion: Powering Poland's Future

- Wojciech Wrochna, Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy, and Government Plenipotentiary for Strategic Energy Infrastructure
- Moderator: Jay Tilden, Nuclear Energy and National Security Coalition

4:45 p.m. Welcome Reception

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Wednesday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Keynote: Legislative Priorities for Nuclear Energy

- Senator Ruben Gallego
- Introduced by: Drew Marsh, Entergy

9:00 a.m. Keynote: Investing in the Nuclear Future

- Jay Horine, J.P. Morgan
- Introduced by: Clay Sell, X-Energy

9:15 a.m. Panel: Nuclear: Securing Grid Affordability

With electricity bills and system costs in focus, hear how nuclear is promoting energy affordability from a grid-wide perspective and through industry and policy efforts to de-risk current and new nuclear.

Speakers:

- Baker Elmore, Duke Energy
- Paul Kjellander, Kjel LLC
- Robert Kaineg, FTI Consulting
- Moderator: Kristine Esposito Telford, Edison Electric Institute

10:15 a.m. Networking Break

10:45 a.m. Presentation of Nuclear State Champions Awards and Panel: States Moving from Vision to Action

States are advancing nuclear energy deployment through diverse policy tools and by signaling demand for the reliable, clean power provided by nuclear. State officials will share how they're pursuing visionary goals and building the policy infrastructure to deploy nuclear.

Speakers:

- Deputy Minority Leader Sue Rezin, Illinois State Senate
- Abby Smith, Team Pennsylvania
- Jarred Shaffer, Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office
- Sean Ewart, Office of Governor Kathy Hochul, State of New York
- Moderator: John Kotek, Nuclear Energy Institute

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12:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Panel: Financing the Next Generation of Nuclear**

Private sector investment in nuclear is a crucial companion to government funding. Dive into investor considerations and the outlook on financing nuclear energy.

Speakers:

- Marc Bianchi, TD Securities
- John Cogan, Centerview Partners
- Julie Kozeracki, DOE Office of Energy Dominance Financing
- Moderator: Benton Arnett, Nuclear Energy Institute

1:45 p.m. **Panel: Groundbreaking Policy: How Government Investment Is Getting Shovels in the Ground**

Learn how policy tools are advancing deployment of new nuclear and optimizing current nuclear, including updates on nuclear projects under construction to meet federal government goals outlined in the 2025 nuclear executive orders.

Speakers:

- Bobby Gallagher, Deployable Energy
- David Brown, Constellation
- Mohamed Shams, TerraPower
- Lucian Niemeyer, UCAN Power
- Moderator: Ben Holtzman, Nuclear Energy Institute

2:40 p.m. **Closing**

- Maria Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute