# New Nuclear Energy

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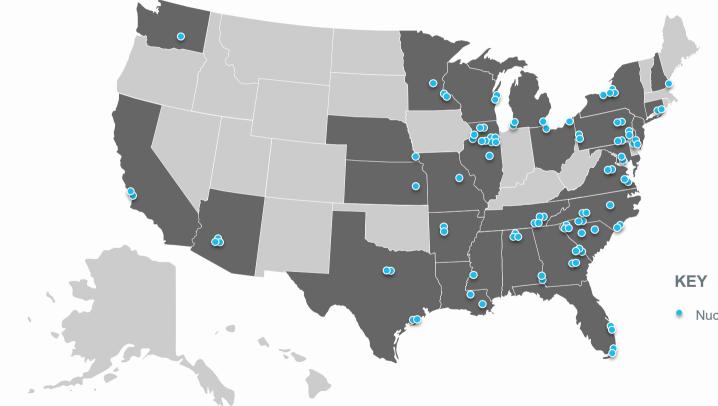




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## Nuclear Provided Majority of Emissions-Free Electricity





Nuclear generated 19% of electricity in the U.S.

From 93 reactors at 53 plant sites across the country

Nuclear power reactor

# **Voices for Nuclear**



"The United States views nuclear energy as a pivotal technology in the global effort to lower emissions, expand economic opportunity, and ultimately combat climate change. We have been supporting the development of SMRs for decades."

### **Jennifer Granholm**

Secretary U.S. Department of Energy November 4, 2021



Republicans have plans to reduce those emissions while investing in clean energy technology that will lead to less emissions, lower costs, and produce as much or more power. Chief among them is advanced nuclear technology."

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy** (R-CA) February 26, 2020



"If we're going to continue to move and talk about decarbonization and not going to move forward with nuclear we're [going to have] serious problems."

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.V.) June 4, 2020



Scan to see what everyone is saying about America's largest clean energy source.

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Consumer Benefit: Lowest System Cost Achieved by Enabling Large Scale New Nuclear Deployment



### Lowest Cost System



Nuclear is 43% of generation (>300 GW of new nuclear)

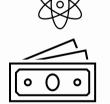


Wind and solar are 50%

## Energy System with Nuclear Constrained



Wind and Solar are 77% of generation



Nuclear is 13% (>60 GW of new nuclear)

Increased cost to customers of \$449 Billion

Both scenarios are successful in achieving 95% clean electricity grid by over 95% by 2050 and economy-wide GHG by over 60%



# System Benefits of Advanced Reactors



Long term price stability	<ul> <li>Low fuel and operating costs</li> </ul>
Reliable dispatchable generation	<ul> <li>24/7, 365 days per year, years between refueling (Capacity factors &gt;92%)</li> </ul>
Integration with renewables and storage	<ul> <li>Paired with heat storage and able to quickly change power</li> </ul>
Efficient use of transmission	<ul> <li>Land utilization &lt;0.1 acre/TWh (Wind =1,125 acre/TWh; Solar 144 acre/TWh)</li> </ul>
Environmentally friendly	<ul> <li>Clean energy</li> <li>Many SMRs are being designed with ability for dry air cooling</li> </ul>
Black-start and operate independent from the grid	<ul> <li>Resilience for mission critical activities</li> <li>Protect against natural phenomena, cyber threats and EMP</li> </ul>
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Source: SMR Start, SMRs in Integrated Resource Planning

## Recent Survey of NEI's U.S. Utilities

Nuclear power's potential role in meeting their company's decarbonization goals:



NEI utility member companies produce nearly half of all US electricity.



# **Advanced Reactor Developers**





**Light-Water SMRs Micro Reactors** (< 20MWe)

Oklo (shown) Approximately a dozen in development

<300MWe



NuScale (shown)

**GEH BWRX-300** 

Holtec SMR-160

**High Temp Gas Reactors** 



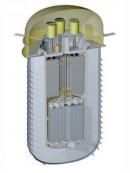
X-energy (shown) Several in development

### **Liquid Metal Reactors**



TerraPower Natrium<sup>™</sup> (shown) Several in development

### **Molten Salt Reactors**



**Terrestrial (shown)** Several in development

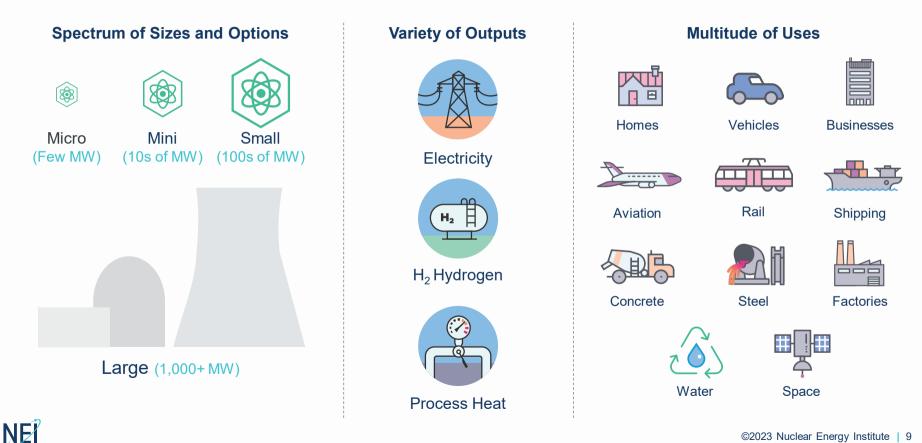
Non-Water Cooled

Most <300MWe, some as large as 1,000 MWe

NIA Technology Primer: https://nuclearinnovationalliance.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/ANRT-APrimer-July2022.pdf

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## **Advanced Nuclear Versatility**



## Strong Federal Support for Advanced Reactors

- DOE funding 12 different designs, >\$5B over 7 years
- Infrastructure Bill
  - \$2.5B funding for two demonstration projects
- Inflation Reduction Act
  - PTC: At least \$30/MWh for 10 years
  - ITC: 30% of investment
  - Both can be monetized, include 10% bonus for siting in certain energy communities
  - Loan Guarantees up to \$40B in expanded authority
  - HALEU Fuel \$700M
- CHIPS Act
  - Financial assistance to States, Tribes, local governments and Universities

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Current Federal Policy Tools to Support New Nuclear The following is a fist of current policy tools that could directly support the deployment of new nuclear, could potentially indirectly support the deployment or planning for new nuclear, and that currently support the deployment of new nuclear.

#### Programs that Could Directly Support Deployment of New Nuclear

#### Clean Electricity Production Credit – 45Y

The inflation Reduction Act orated a new technologyneutral tax credit for sul idean electricity technologis, involuting davanced nuclear and power uprets tax trave placed inacces/line 2023 or after. The bill does not thange the existing Advanced Nuclear Production Tax Credit but precludes credits from being calmied under both program. The value of the credit will be at itest 33a per magewatchour, depending on initiation, for the first tay parts of parts operation. The credit passes out when arenon emissions from existicity production are 73 percent below the 2022 level. The following is which to the statuch upreguesa.

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#### Clean Electricity Investment Credit – 48E

As an alternative to the clean electricity PTC, the intration Reduction Act provided the option of claiming a clean electricity investment credit for zero-emissions fieldites that is placed into zeroics in 2023 or thereafter. This provides a credit of 30 percent of the investment in a new zero-ation electricity facility, including nuclear plants. Like the other credits, this investment tax credit can be monetized. The mC phases out outperf the same providence as the other credits, plant and the same state of the complexity of the same state of the same state.

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Both the clean electricity PTC and ITC include a 10-percentage point bonus for facilities sited in certain energy communities such as those that have hosted coal plants. The following is a link to the statutory language.

Credit for Production from Advanced Nuclear Power Facilities – 45J

The nuclear production its credit 34 UUC 43) provides a credit of 1.8 cent per hilowatchbour up to a maximum of 5123 million per tax year for 8 years. Only the first 6000 MW of new capacity installed after 2005 for a selegin approved after 1.393 are eighbor for the star calls. The credit doe not induced a direct pay providen, so the owner will need to have offseting taxable income to claim the credit or transfer the credit to an eighbor project parter. The following is a link to the matching mage.

http://uscode.house.gov/view.shtmlTreq=production+tax+credit&f=&fq=true&num=1&hl=true&editio n=prelim&granuleId=USC-prelim-title26-section431

Current Federal Policies: https://www.nei.org/CorporateSite/media/filefolder/advantages/Current-Policy-Tools-to-Support-New-Nuclear.pdf



# **State Action for Advance Reactors**

### 2022

- 19 States introduced bills
- 11 States passed legislation2023
- 100+ bills introduced

Incentives

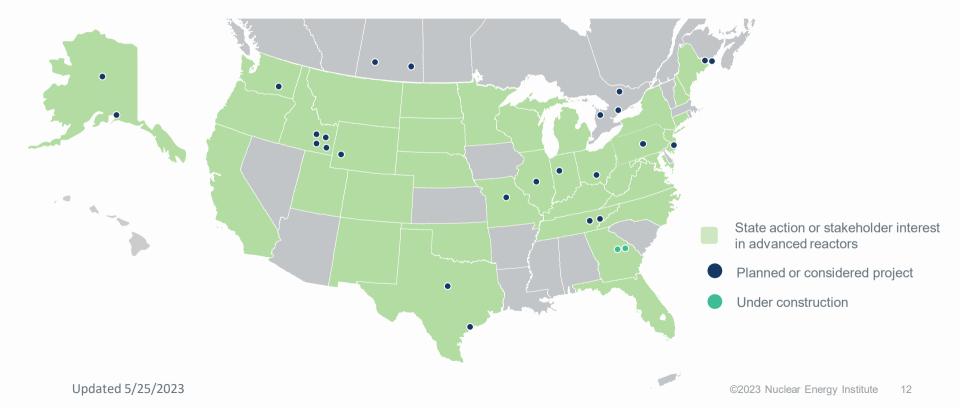
Studies and Commissions

**Remove Barriers** 

# **Advanced Nuclear Deployment Plans**

Projects in planning or under consideration in U.S. and Canada >20; Globally >30





# **QUESTIONS?**

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