

# Getting to New Nuclear in the U.S.

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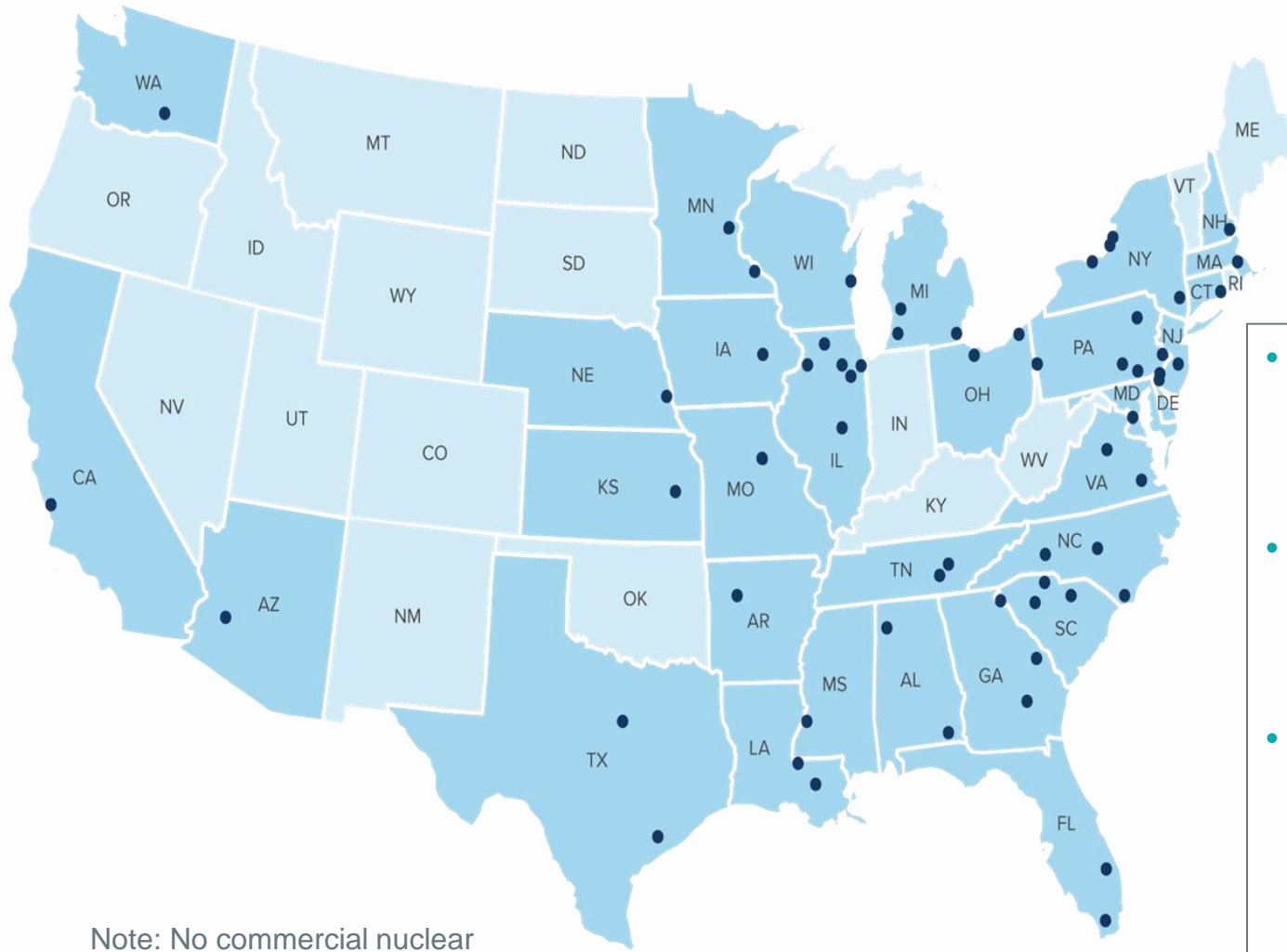


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# NUCLEAR POWER IN THE U.S.



- 96 reactors at 57 sites, in 29 states
- 98 GWe of baseload capacity
- 19.3% of U.S. electricity generation in 2018

Note: No commercial nuclear power in Alaska or Hawaii

# NUCLEAR CONTRIBUTIONS



AVOIDS  
**547.5**  
MILLION  
METRIC TONS OF  
**CARBON**  
EMISSIONS  
EACH YEAR

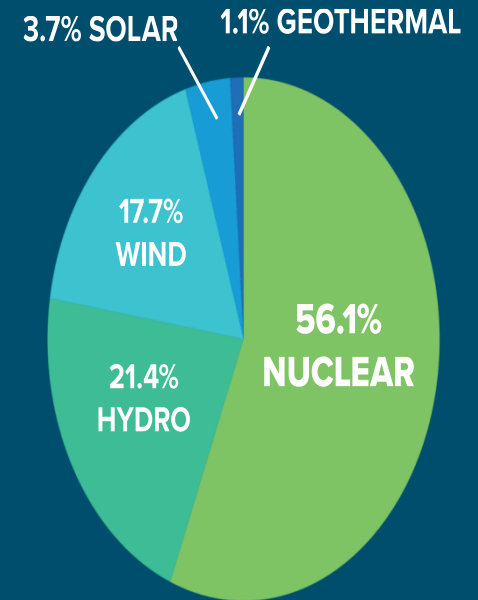
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PREVENTS  
**315,000**  
SHORT TONS  
OF **NOX**

AND

**374,000**  
SHORT TONS  
OF **SO<sub>2</sub>**  
EMISSIONS

—AVERAGE—  
CAP FACTOR  
**>90%**  
SINCE 1999



CONTRIBUTES  
**\$10 BILLION** IN FEDERAL  
AND **\$2.2 BILLION** IN STATE  
TAXES EACH YEAR

SUPPORTS  
**475,000**  
JOBS

SAVES CONSUMERS  
AN AVERAGE OF  
 **6%**  
ON ELECTRICITY BILLS

ADDS  
**\$60**  
BILLION  
TO THE COUNTRY'S  
**GDP**

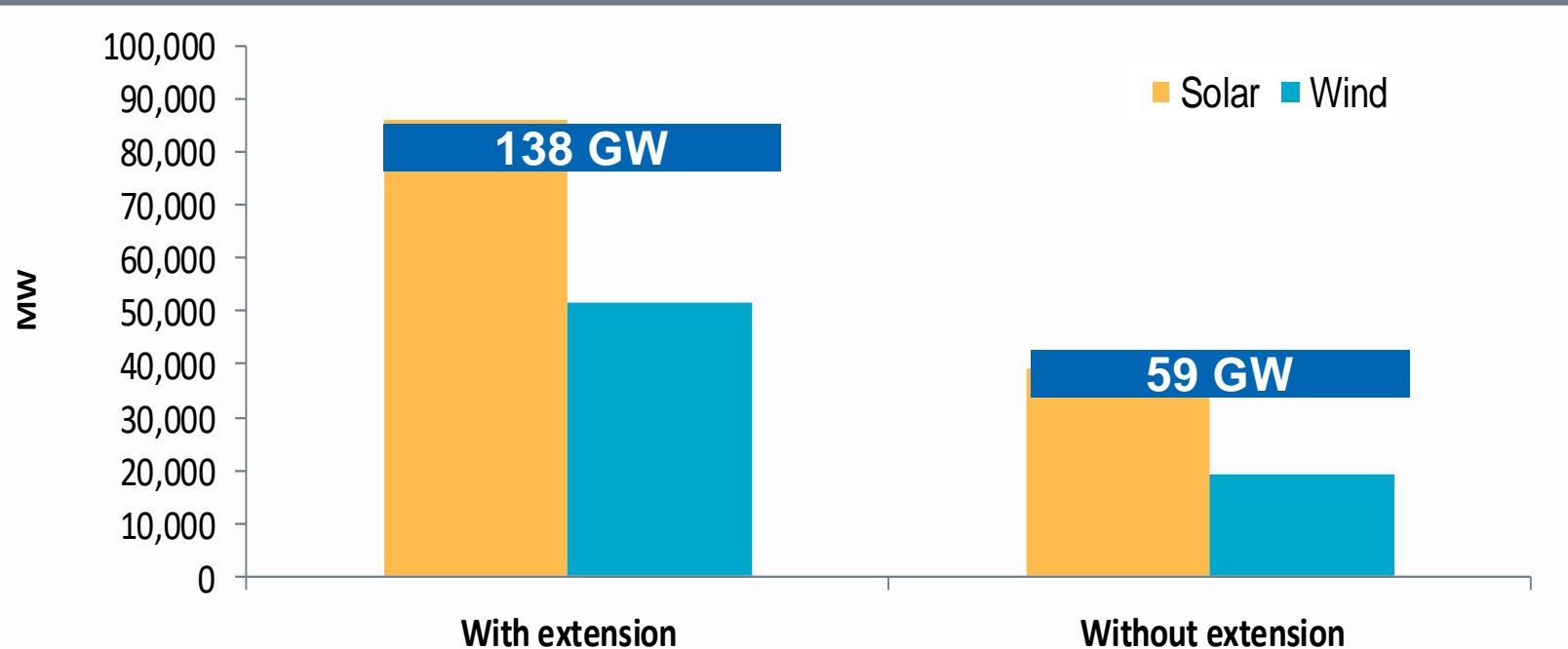
# U.S. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COSTS (\$/MWH, IN 2018 DOLLARS)



Year	Fuel	Capital	Operating	Total Generating
2002	6.07	4.16	19.72	29.95
2004	5.60	5.99	19.66	31.25
2007	5.44	6.49	20.22	32.15
2010	7.17	9.71	21.89	38.76
2011	7.53	10.67	23.21	41.41
2012	7.96	11.48	22.91	42.36
2015	7.28	8.44	22.09	37.81
2016	7.07	7.05	21.38	35.50
2017	6.59	6.80	20.92	34.32
2018	5.98	6.14	19.71	31.83
2012 – 2018 Change	-25%	-46%	-14%	-25%

# IMPACT OF FEDERAL POLICIES

IHS outlook for cumulative wind and solar build with and without tax credit extension, 2016–22

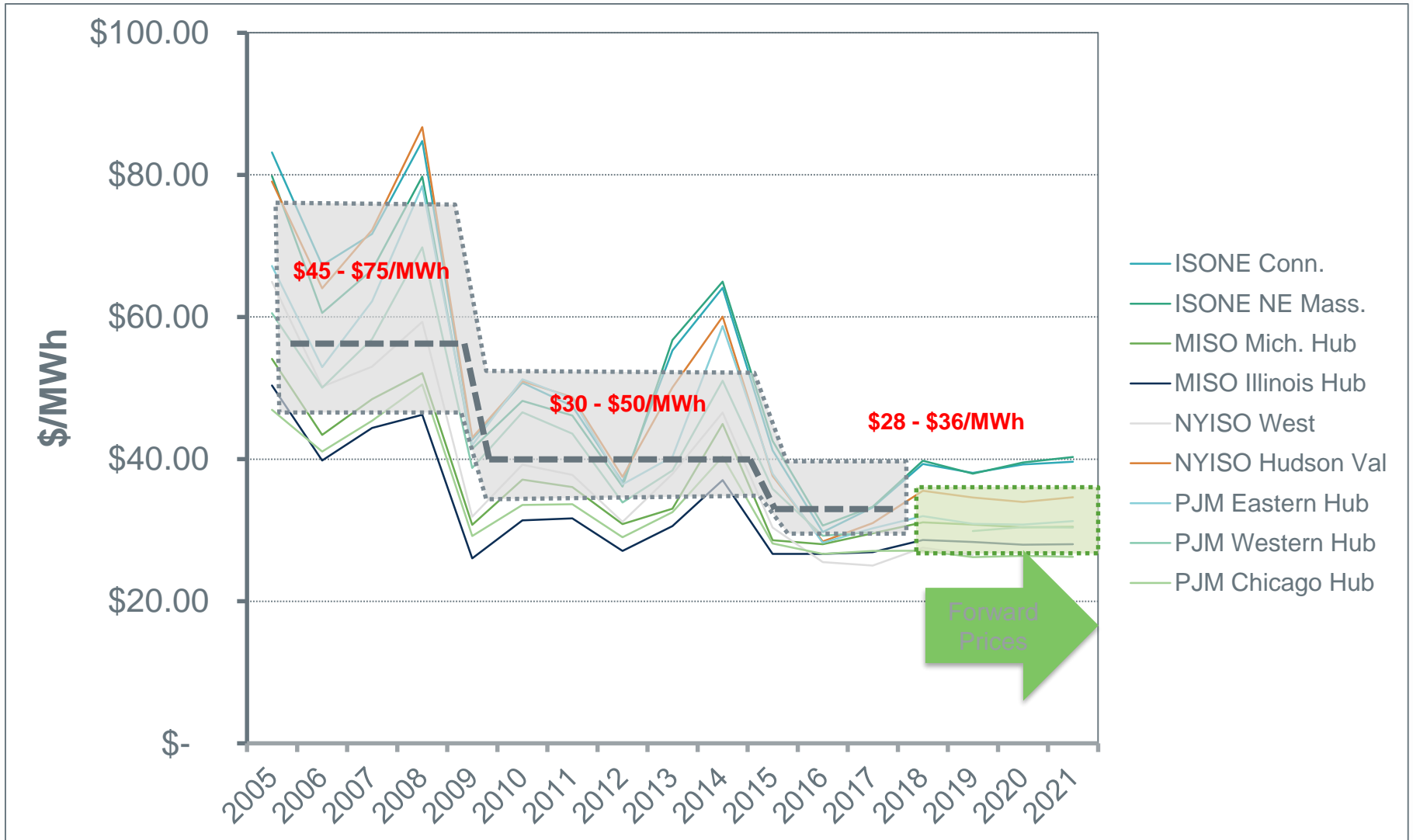


Notes: Solar represents AC capacity.  
Source: IHS

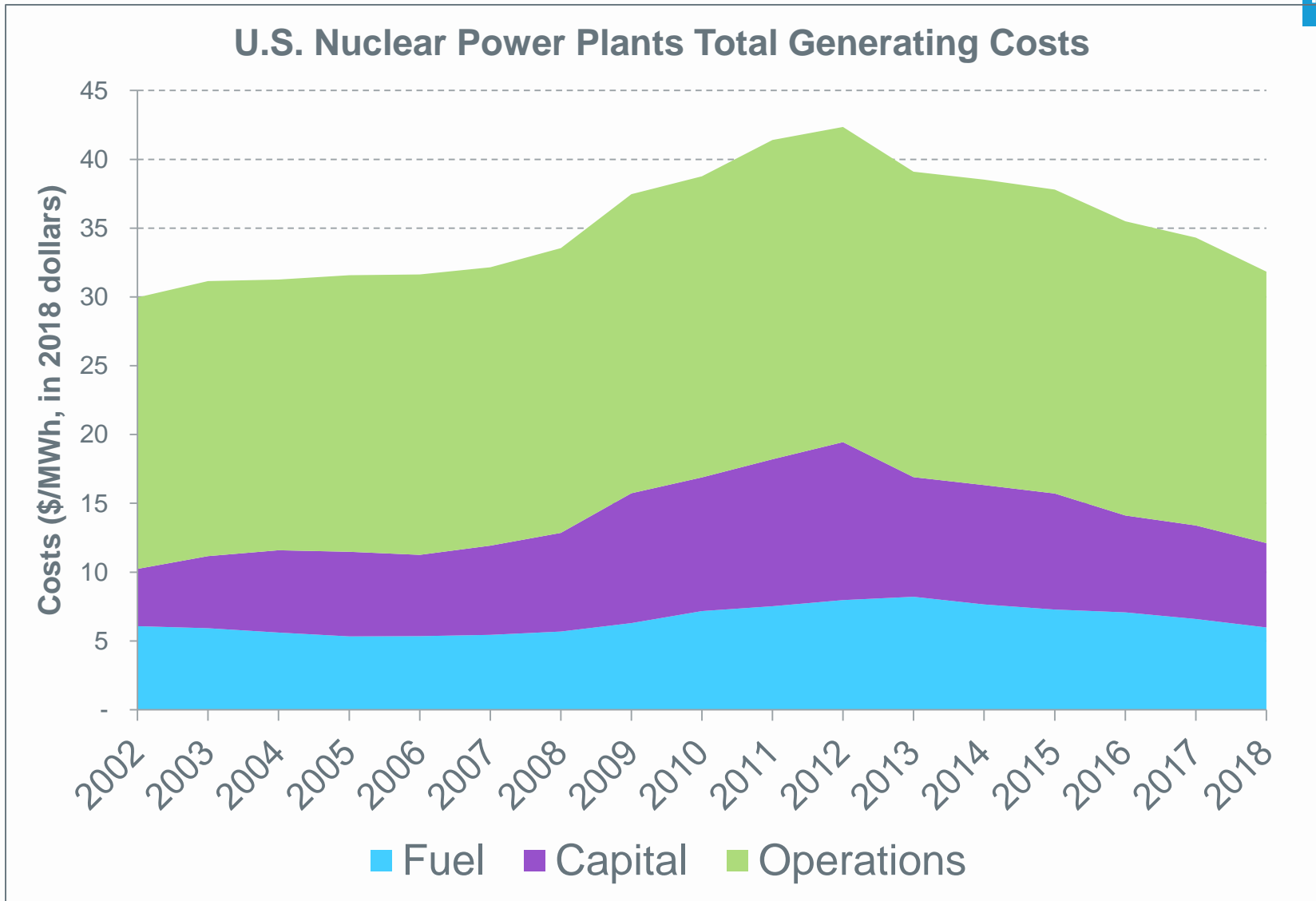
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**The extension of tax credits is expected to more than double combined wind and solar build from 2016 to 2022, from about 60 GW to about 140 GW**

# DECLINING ELECTRICITY PRICES



# U.S. NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COSTS (\$/MWh, in 2018 dollars)



# Nuclear Plants: Premature Closures and Announced Shutdowns

Plant	State	Capacity (MWe)	Closure Year	Latest Year Generation (billion kWh per year)	Latest Year CO2 Avoided (Million tons per year)
<b>Crystal River 3</b>	Florida	860	2013	7.0	4.8
<b>San Onofre 2 &amp; 3</b>	California	2,150	2013	18.1	8.0
<b>Kewaunee</b>	Wisconsin	566	2013	4.5	4.4
<b>Vermont Yankee</b>	Vermont	620	2014	4.8	2.4
<b>Fort Calhoun</b>	Nebraska	478	2016	3.5	3.4
<b>Oyster Creek</b>	New Jersey	625	2018	5.4	4.0
<b>Pilgrim</b>	Massachusetts	679	2019	4.4	2.0
<b>Three Mile Island 1</b>	Pennsylvania	803	2019	7.3	5.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,781</b>		<b>55.1</b>	<b>33.9</b>
<b>Duane Arnold</b>	Iowa	601	2020	4.9	4.6
<b>Indian Point 2 &amp; 3</b>	New York	2,057	2020-2021	16.3	7.6
<b>Beaver Valley 1 &amp; 2</b>	Pennsylvania	1,808	2021	14.7	10.1
<b>Palisades</b>	Michigan	804	2022	5.5	4.6
<b>Diablo Canyon 1 &amp; 2</b>	California	2,240	2024-2025	18.2	7.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,510</b>		<b>59.6</b>	<b>34.2</b>

Source: Emissions avoided are calculated using regional and national fossil fuel emissions rates from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** and latest plant generation data from the **U.S. Energy Information Administration**.

Updated: September 2019.



# National Nuclear Energy Strategy

**PRESERVE**

**Appropriately  
value  
nuclear  
generation**

**SUSTAIN**

**Create sustainability  
via improved  
regulatory framework  
and reduced burden**

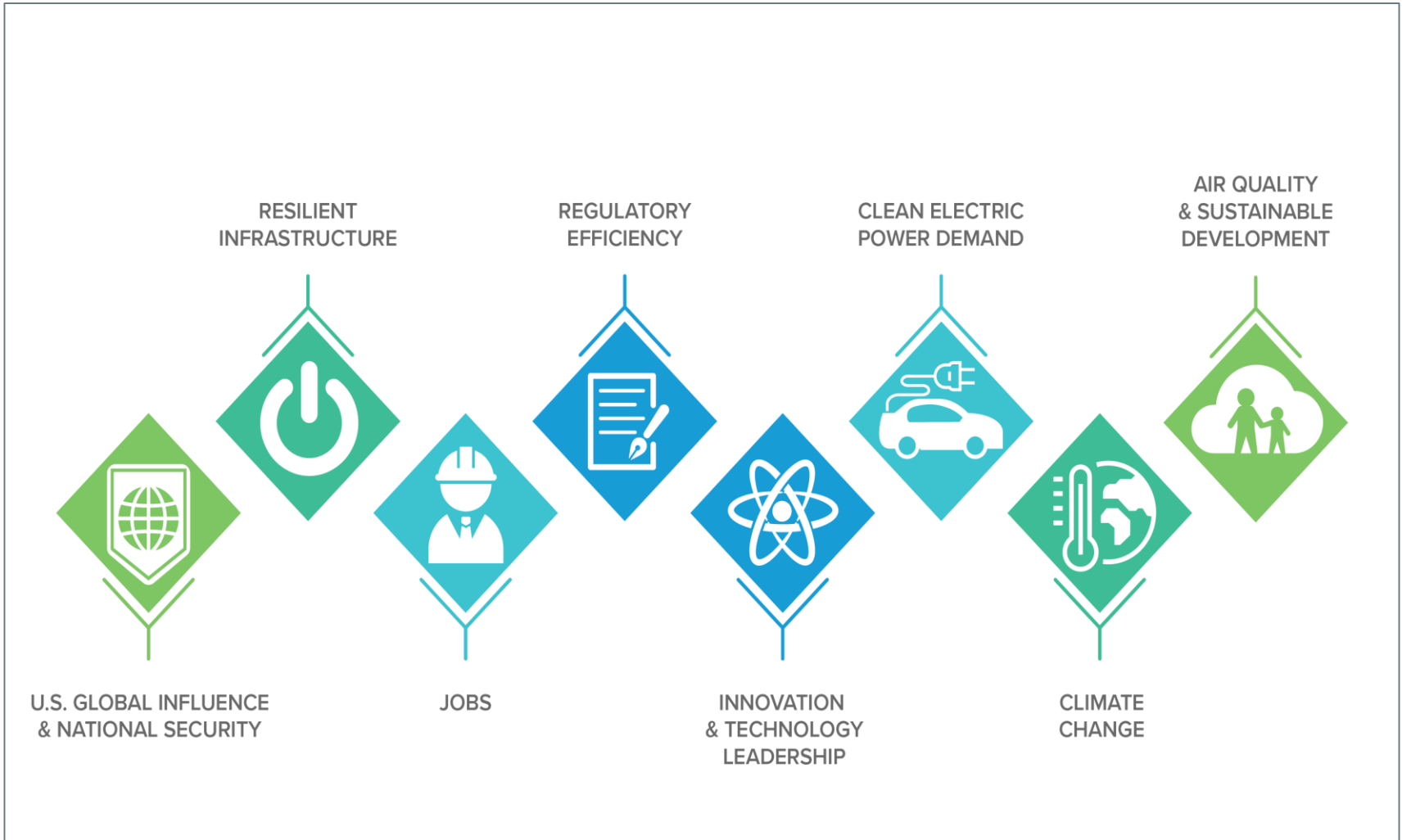
**INNOVATE**

**Innovate,  
commercialize,  
and deploy  
new nuclear**

**THRIVE**

**Compete  
globally**

# NUCLEAR ENERGY IMPERATIVES



# PRESERVE

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# STATES RECOGNIZE NUCLEAR'S VALUE



**\$1.6 Billion**  
In Economic Benefits  
in New York



**\$1.5 Billion**  
Economic Activity  
in Connecticut



**\$1.2 Billion**  
Economic Activity  
in Illinois



**\$800 Million**  
Economic Activity  
in New Jersey

# THE EMISSIONS REDUCTION IMPERATIVE

## The Nuclear Power Dilemma

*Declining Profits, Plant Closures, and the Impact of Rising Carbon Emissions*

Steve Clemmer  
Jeremy Richardson  
Sandra Sattler  
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Moving toward 24x7 Carbon-Free Energy at Google Data Centers: Progress and Insights

### Introduction

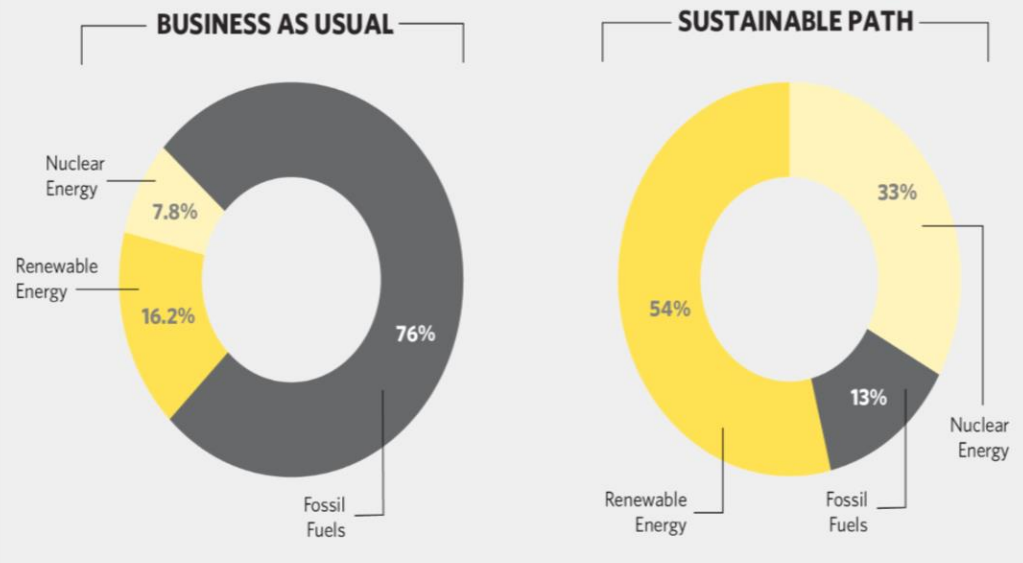
In recent years, Google has become the world's largest corporate buyer of renewable energy. In 2017 alone, we purchased more than seven billion kilowatt-hours of electricity (roughly as much as is used by the state of Rhode Island) from solar and wind farms that we own or lease specifically for Google. This enabled us to match 100% of our annual electricity consumption through direct purchases of renewable energy; we are the first company of our size to do so.

Meeting our 100% renewable energy purchasing goal was an important milestone, and we will continue to increase our purchases of renewable energy as our operations grow. However, it is also just the beginning. It represents a head start toward achieving a much longer-term challenge: sourcing carbon-free energy for our operations on a 24x7 basis.

Meeting this challenge requires sourcing enough carbon-free energy to match our electricity consumption in all places, at all times. Such a path looks markedly different from the status quo, which, for our large-scale procurement of renewables, still involves a mix of carbon-based power. Each Google facility is connected to its regional electricity grid just like any other electricity consumer; the power mix in each region usually includes some carbon-free resources (e.g., wind, hydro, nuclear), but also carbon-based resources like coal, natural gas, and oil. Accordingly, we rely on those carbon-based resources — particularly when wind speeds or sunlight fade, and also in areas where there is limited access to carbon-free energy. Carbon-free energy, around-the-clock electricity is the fuel that enables us to reliably deliver Google search results, YouTube video plays, Google Cloud Platform services, and much more without interruption.

## A Changing Energy Portfolio

In order to both meet increased energy demand and keep the climate in safe boundaries, we'll need to alter our energy makeup to curtail emissions of carbon and other harmful chemicals.



# The Emissions Reduction Imperative

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## McDonald's sets greenhouse gas reduction targets

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(Reuters) - McDonald's Corp on Tuesday announced an approved, science based target to cut greenhouse gas emissions and battle climate change, saying it is the first restaurant company to do so.

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## Blue chips act to cut supply chain greenhouse gas emissions

Rolls-Royce, Nestlé and Panasonic among larger companies taking action

Michael Pooler JANUARY 29, 2018

The number of large companies taking serious action to tackle greenhouse gas emissions in their supply chains has doubled, according to research by an

CLIMATE

## Nestlé commits to net-zero target by 2050

Haley Weiss, E&E News reporter  
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## Levi's Plans to Slash Emissions in Global Supply Chain by 2025

The apparel giant aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at a sprawling set of factories and mills in 39 countries, starting with suppliers



Levi's will start its effort to cut greenhouse gas emissions through energy-efficiency programs at factories run by vendors in the first tier of its supply chain, such as this supplier facility in Mexico. PHOTO: PHOTO COURTESY OF LEVI STRAUSS & CO.

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## Toyota wants zero carbon emissions in all factories by 2050

Marcus De Guzman

Clean, zero emission Toyota factories may soon be a reality

Toyota  
May 31, 2019 08:41

Let's face it, manufacturing cars is no easy feat. Aside from the fact that you have to build a whole fleet of them, you'll also need plenty of resources and energy to manufacture batches of them. But using energy means you're also producing CO2 emissions, which is never good.

That's right, aside from automobiles, car factories also use plenty of energy that result in more CO2 emissions that harm the environment and add more greenhouse gases that pollute the air. So how does Toyota plan to combat that? By setting a goal of achieving 35% reduced CO2 emissions in global plants worldwide by 2030, and having zero CO2 emissions in all manufacturing plants by 2050.

Part of the "Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050", the automaker is looking at not just reducing their carbon footprint from their cars, but also from their manufacturing facilities. To do this, Toyota has been finding ways of recycling and using alternative means of generating energy.

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# NUCLEAR PLANTS SAVED FROM PREMATURE CLOSURE



More than 9,100 direct jobs saved through State actions

Plant	State	Capacity (MWe)	Projected Closure Year	Electricity Generated (billion kWh in 2018)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Avoided (Million tons per in 2018)
Clinton	Illinois	1,060	2017	8.3	8.1
Davis-Besse	Ohio	894	2020	7.4	5.1
Fitzpatrick	New York	851	2017	6.5	3.1
Ginna	New York	582	2017	4.7	2.2
Hope Creek	New Jersey	1,172	~2020	9.5	6.6
Millstone 2 & 3	Connecticut	2,088	~2020	16.9	7.6
Nine Mile Point 1 & 2	New York	1,916	2017-2018	15.4	7.2
Quad Cities 1 & 2	Illinois	1,819	2018	15.5	10.6
Perry	Ohio	1,240	2020	10.9	7.5
Salem 1 & 2	New Jersey	2,328	~2020-2021	18.9	13.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,950</b>		<b>114.1</b>	<b>70.9</b>

This is nearly **twice** the electricity generation from U.S. utility solar in 2018

Source: Emissions avoided are calculated using regional and national fossil fuel emissions rates from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** and latest plant generation data from the **U.S. Energy Information Administration**.  
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# SUSTAIN

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# NEI REGULATORY EFFORTS

**Enable meaningful reductions in costs associated with existing regulatory requirements**

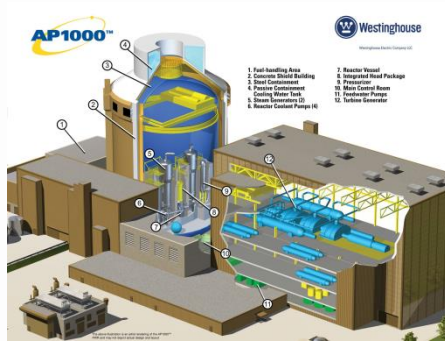
**Minimize the burden associated with any new/evolving challenges and regulatory requirements**

**Reduce the total costs associated with industry-controlled activities**

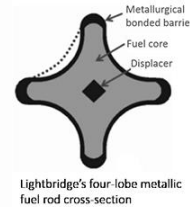
# INNOVATE

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# Continuum of Innovation



## Evolutionary LWR Fuels



## Advanced Non-LWRs

- Hi-temp gas
- Liquid metal
- Molten salt
- Micro-reactors

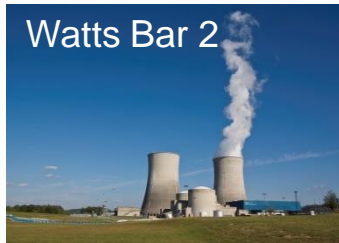


2016

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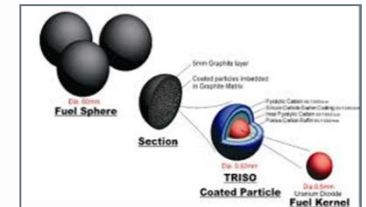
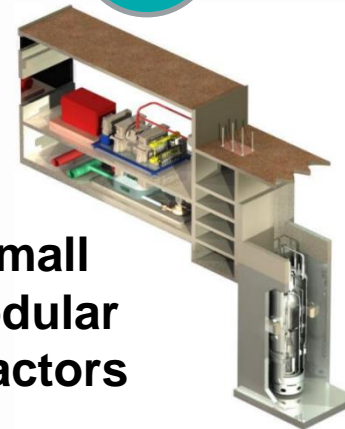


## Large LWRs

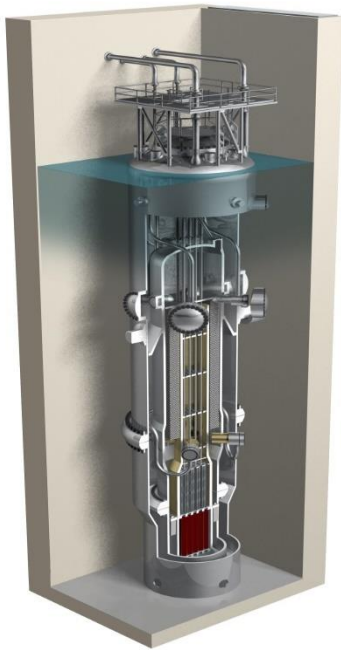


NuScale Power Module

## Small Modular Reactors



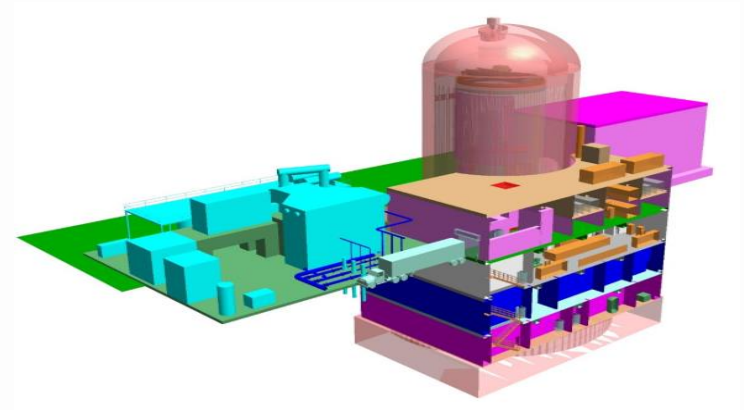
# Small Modular LWRs



**NuScale Power  
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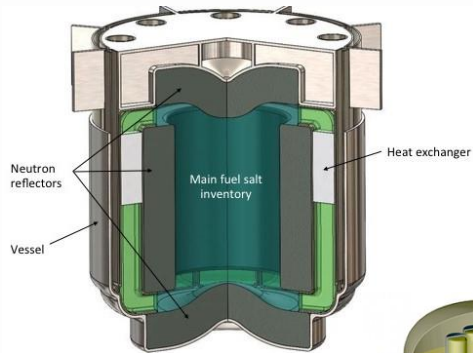
**GEH BWRX-300**



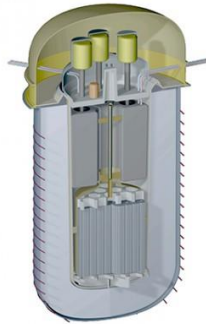
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# Non-Water Cooled Reactors

## Molten Salt Reactors

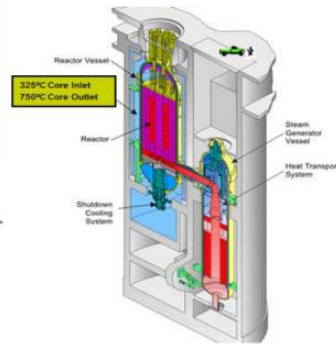


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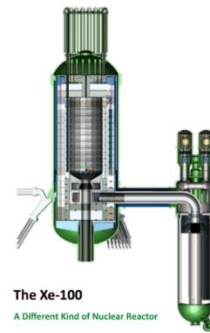


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## High Temperature Gas Reactors



Framatome



The Xe-100

A Different Kind of Nuclear Reactor

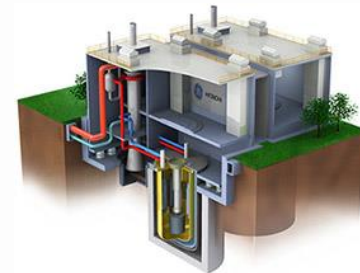
X-energy

## Micro Reactors



Westinghouse eVinci

## Liquid Metal Reactors

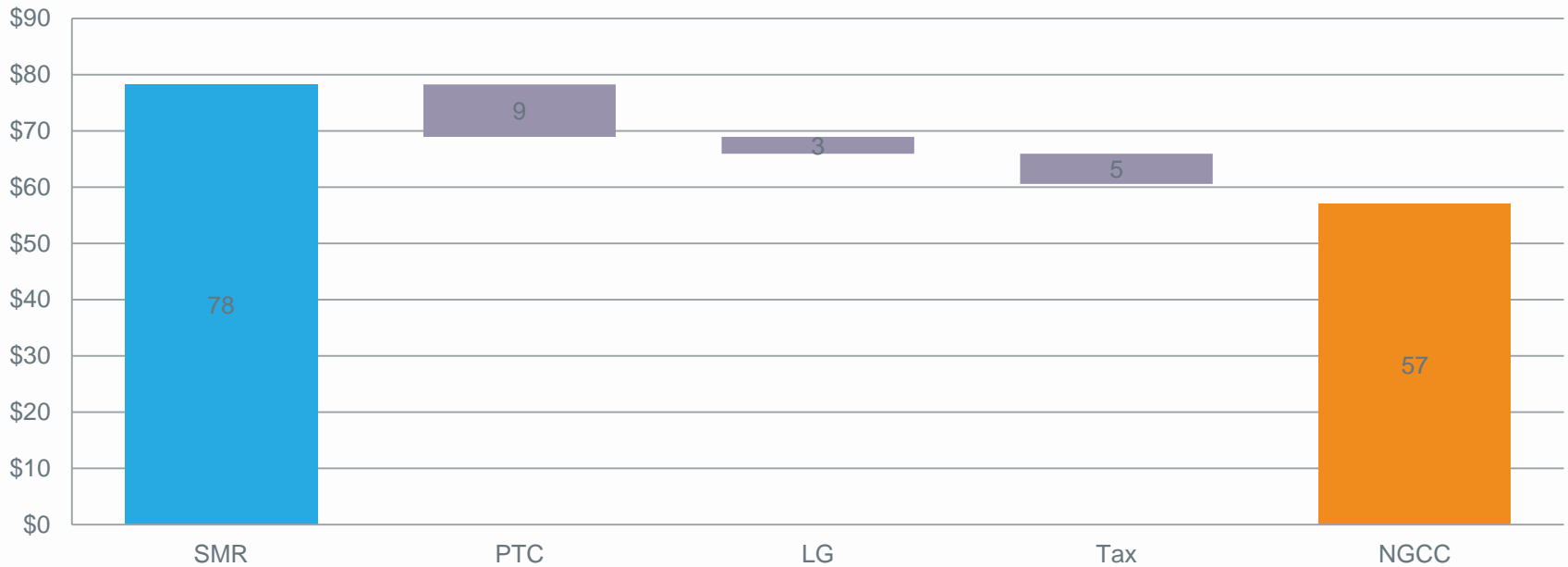


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# Need for Federal and State Policy Support



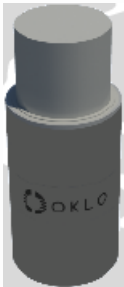
Comparison of Costs of First SMR and Natural Gas Combined Cycle  
Example 2 - Municipal Utility



# Micro-Reactors

## Features

- 1 MWe to 10 MWe (typical)
- 10 year fuel life (typical)
- Operates independent of grid



OKLO  
2 MWe



Westinghouse eVinci  
200 kWe to 25 MWe



HolosGen

## Others (not all inclusive)

- Elysium
- General Atomics
- Hydromine
- NuGen
- NuScale
- X-Energy

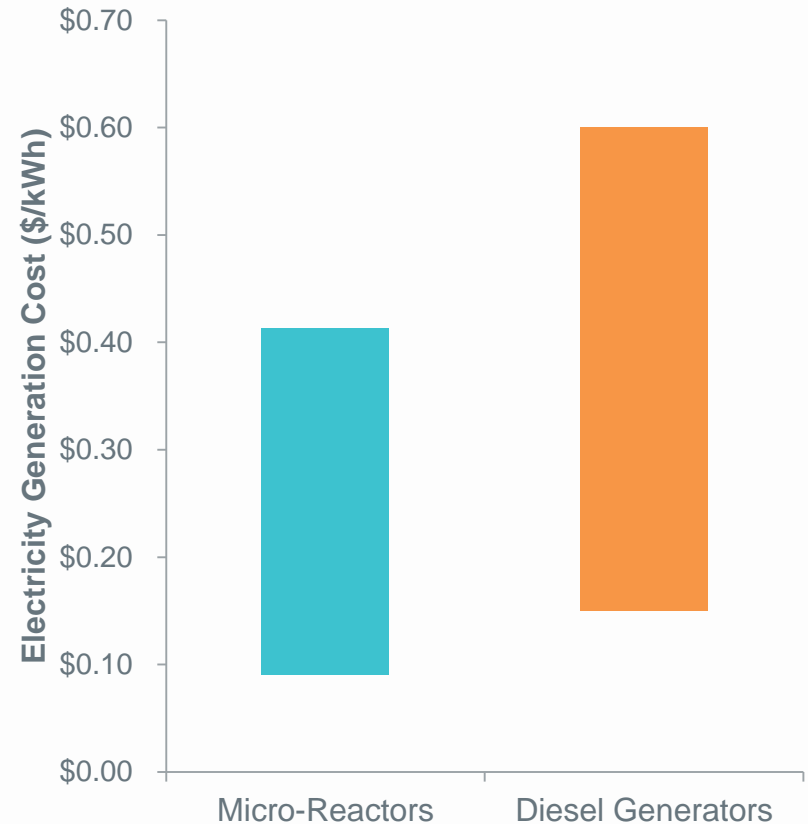
# An Emerging Customer?



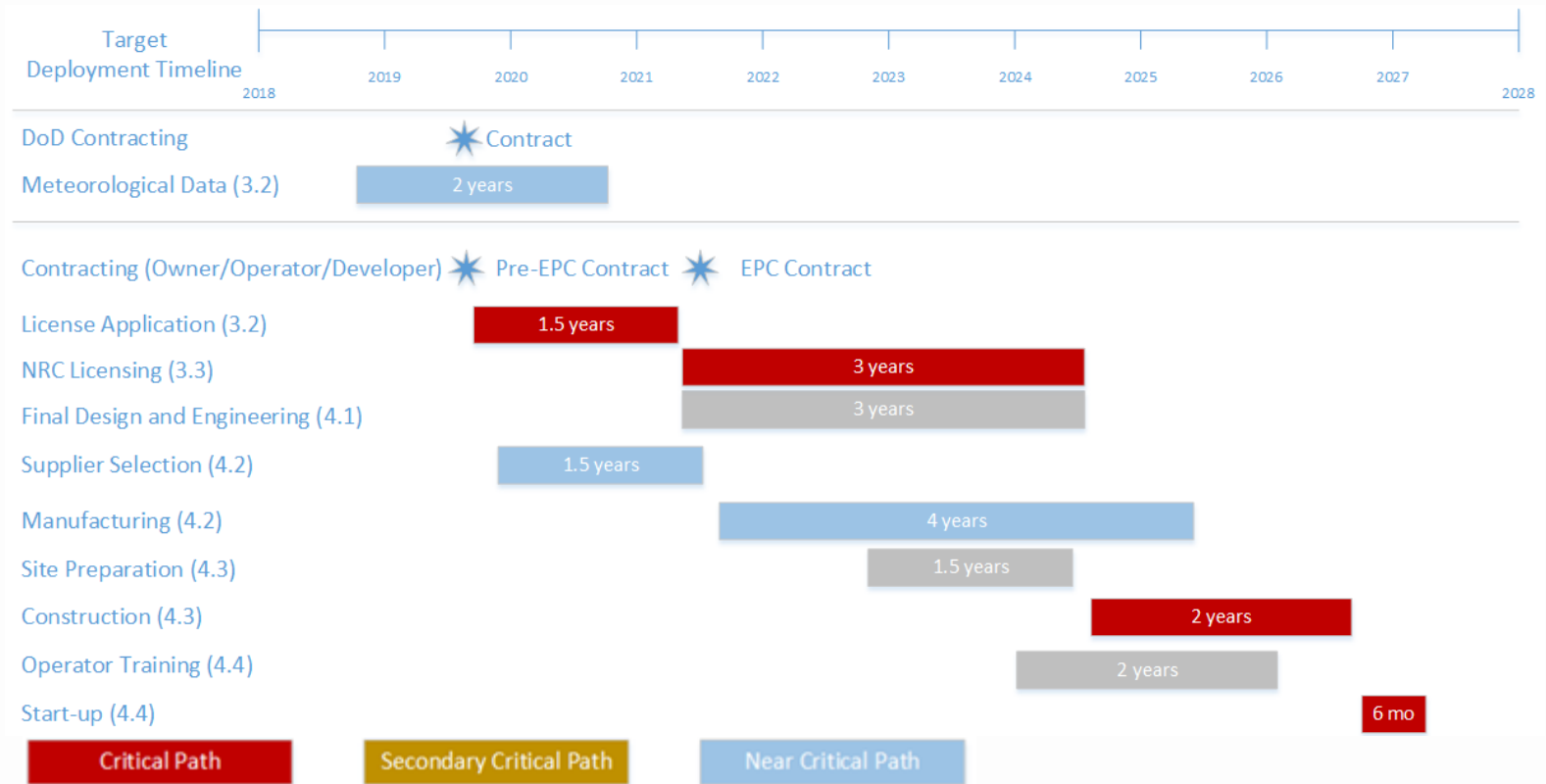


# Estimated Costs

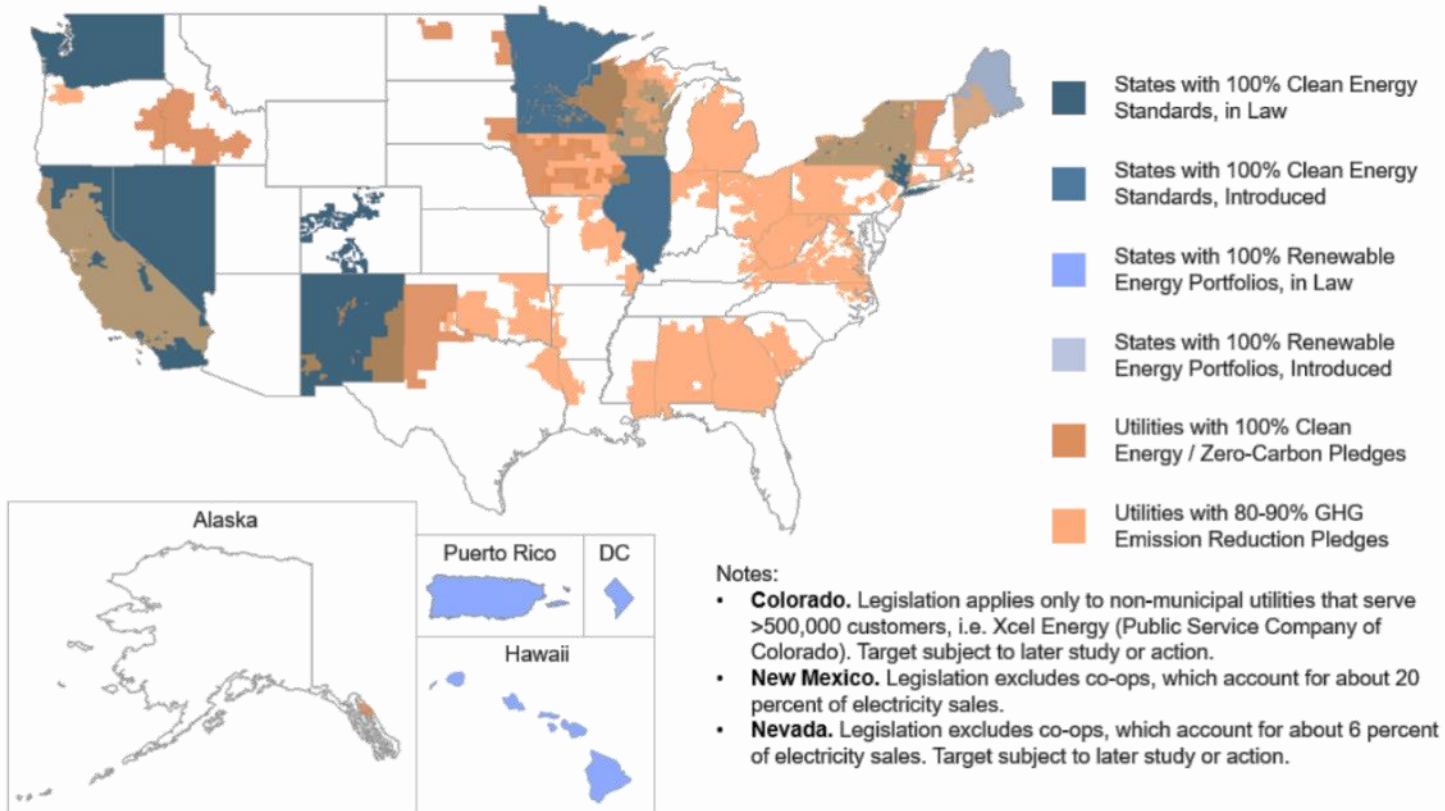
- Diesel generator costs
  - Primarily fuel costs
  - Fuel from \$2.86/gallon to \$4.89/gallon
- Micro-reactor costs
  - Include used fuel disposal and decommissioning
  - 10 year fuel life
  - 40 year plant life
  - 95% capacity factor



# Deployment Timeline



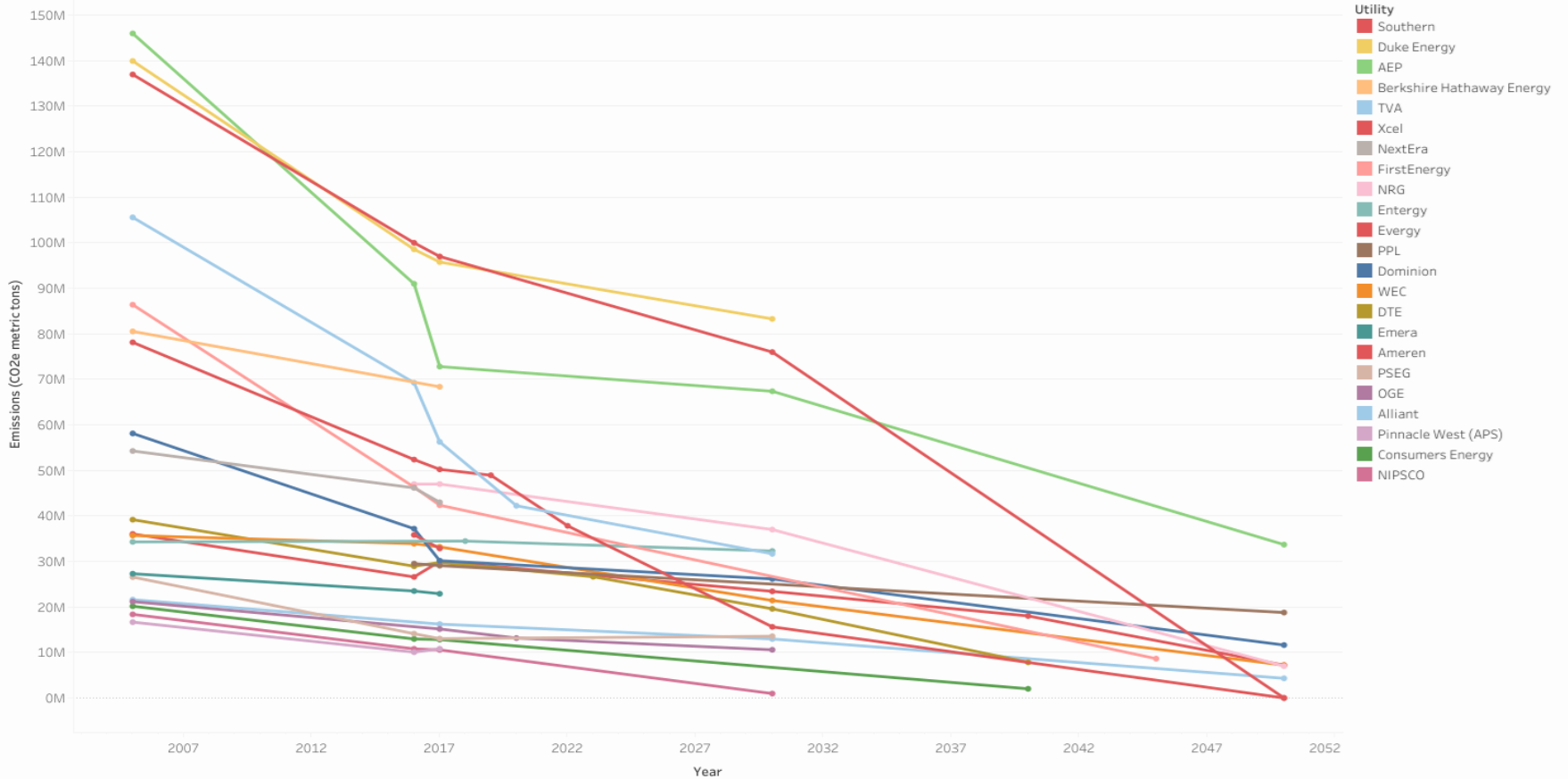
# State Emissions Reduction Targets



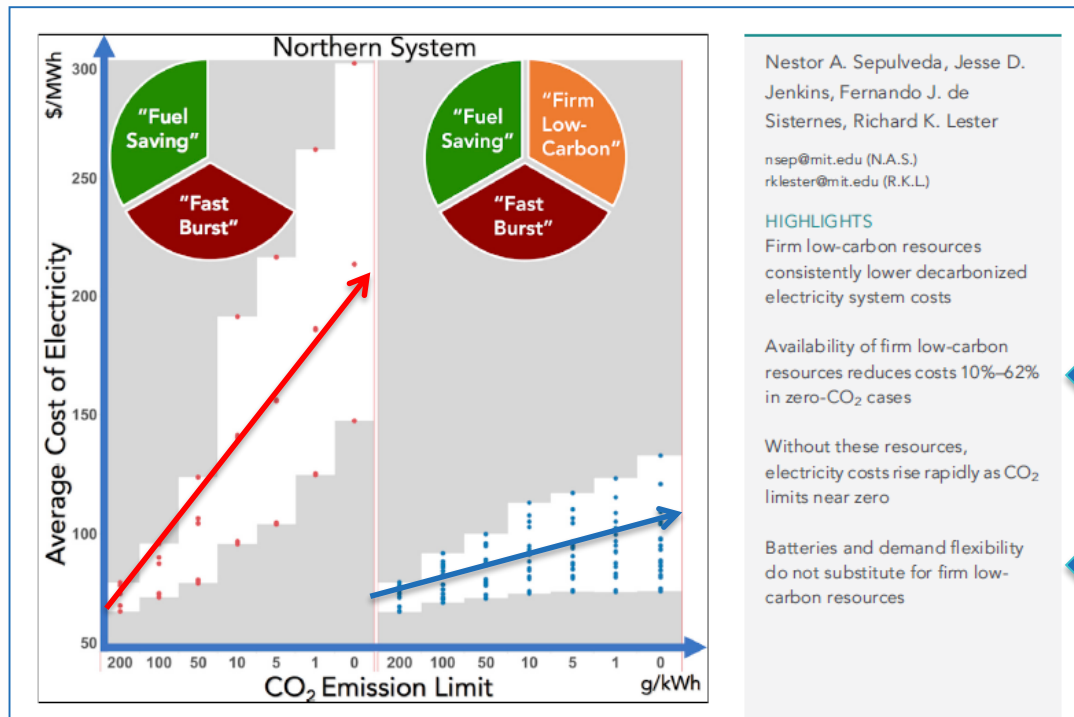
Source: Clean Air Task force, June 2019

# Utility Decarbonization Commitments

Decarbonization Trajectories of U.S. Utilities



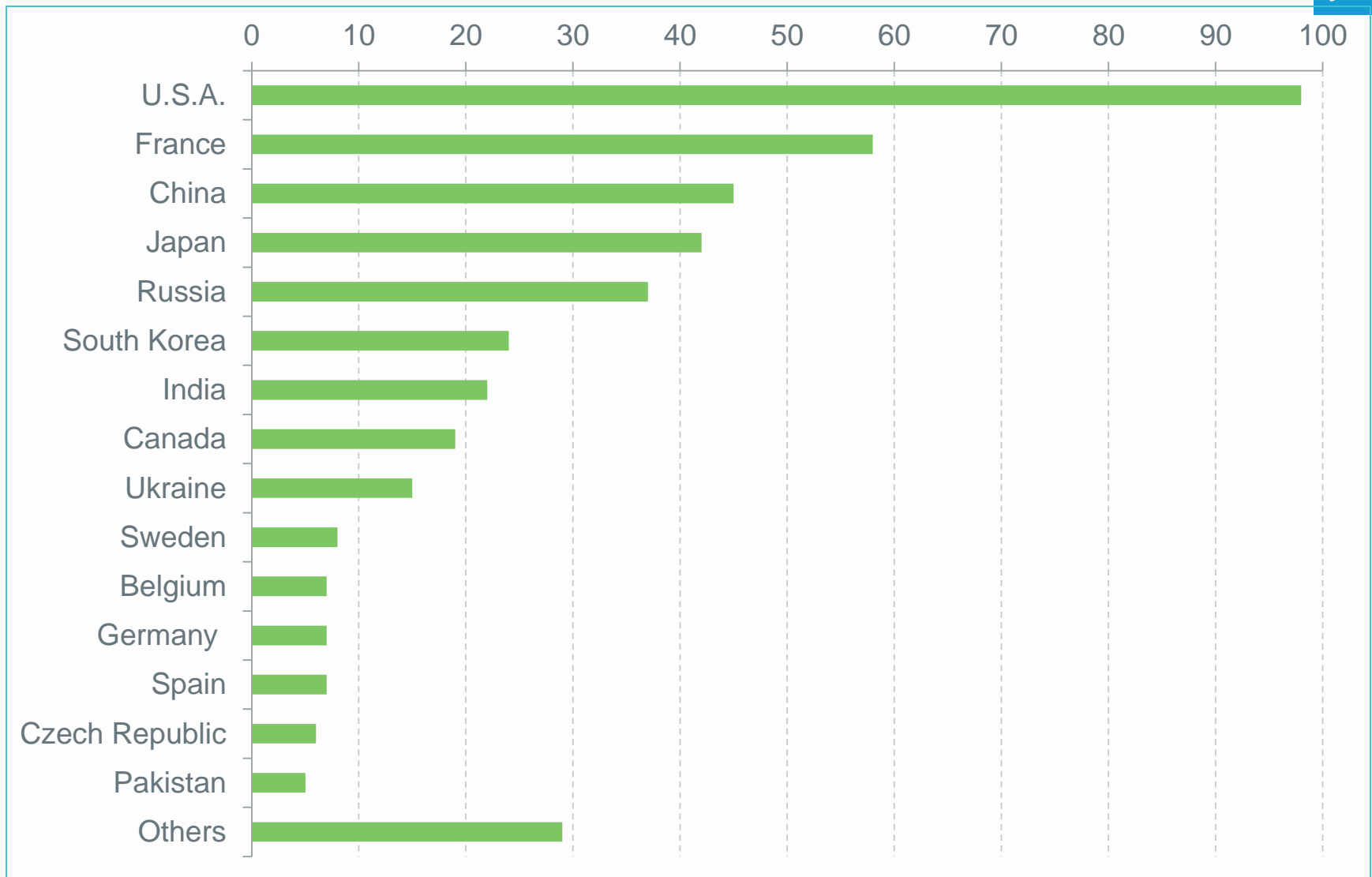
# Firm, Low-carbon Generation Enables Affordable Decarbonization



# THRIVE



# 453 OPERATIONAL REACTORS AROUND THE WORLD



# US NUCLEAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY ONCE LED...

**U.S. technology is the basis for most of the world's operating nuclear reactors**

**Based on  
US-  
technology**

**250+**

**RUSSIA**

**68**

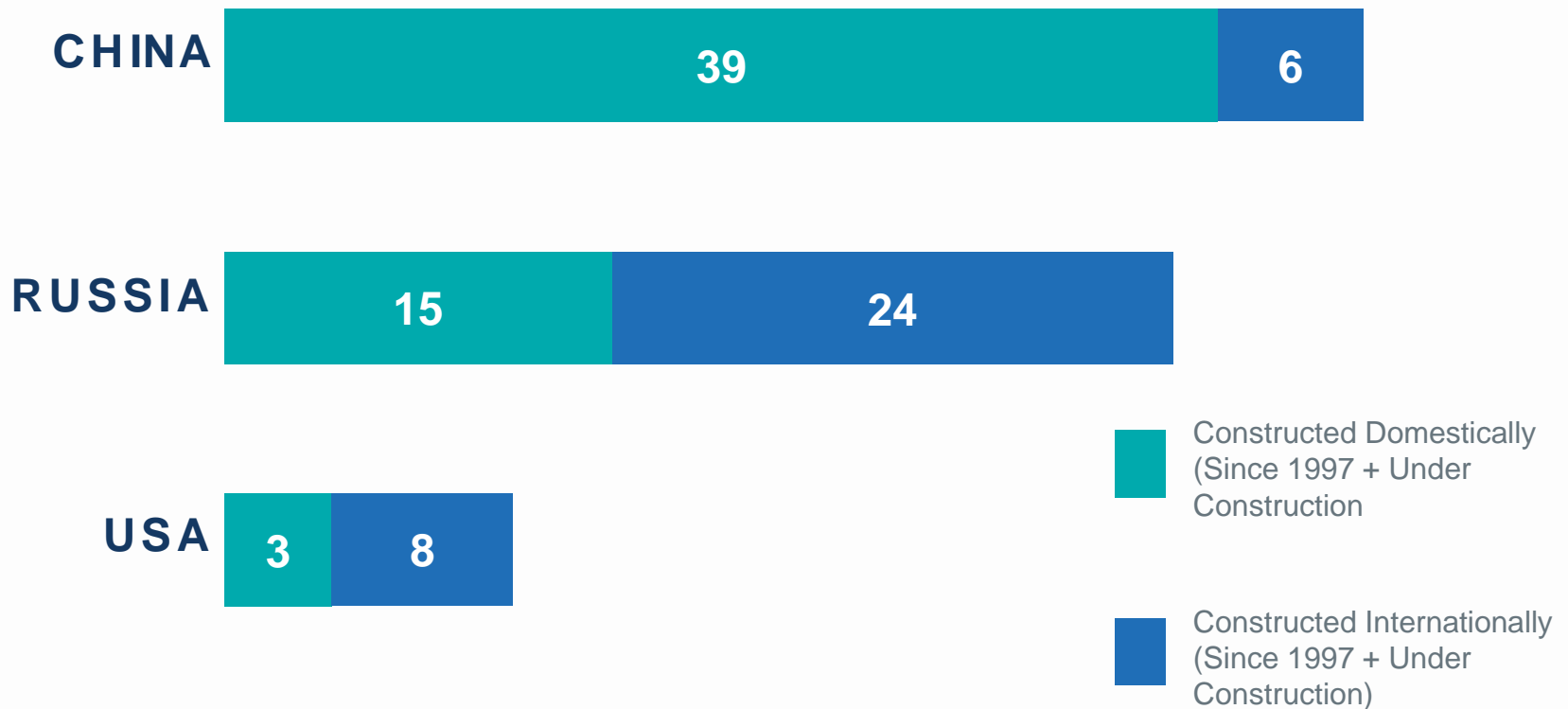
**CHINA**

**31**

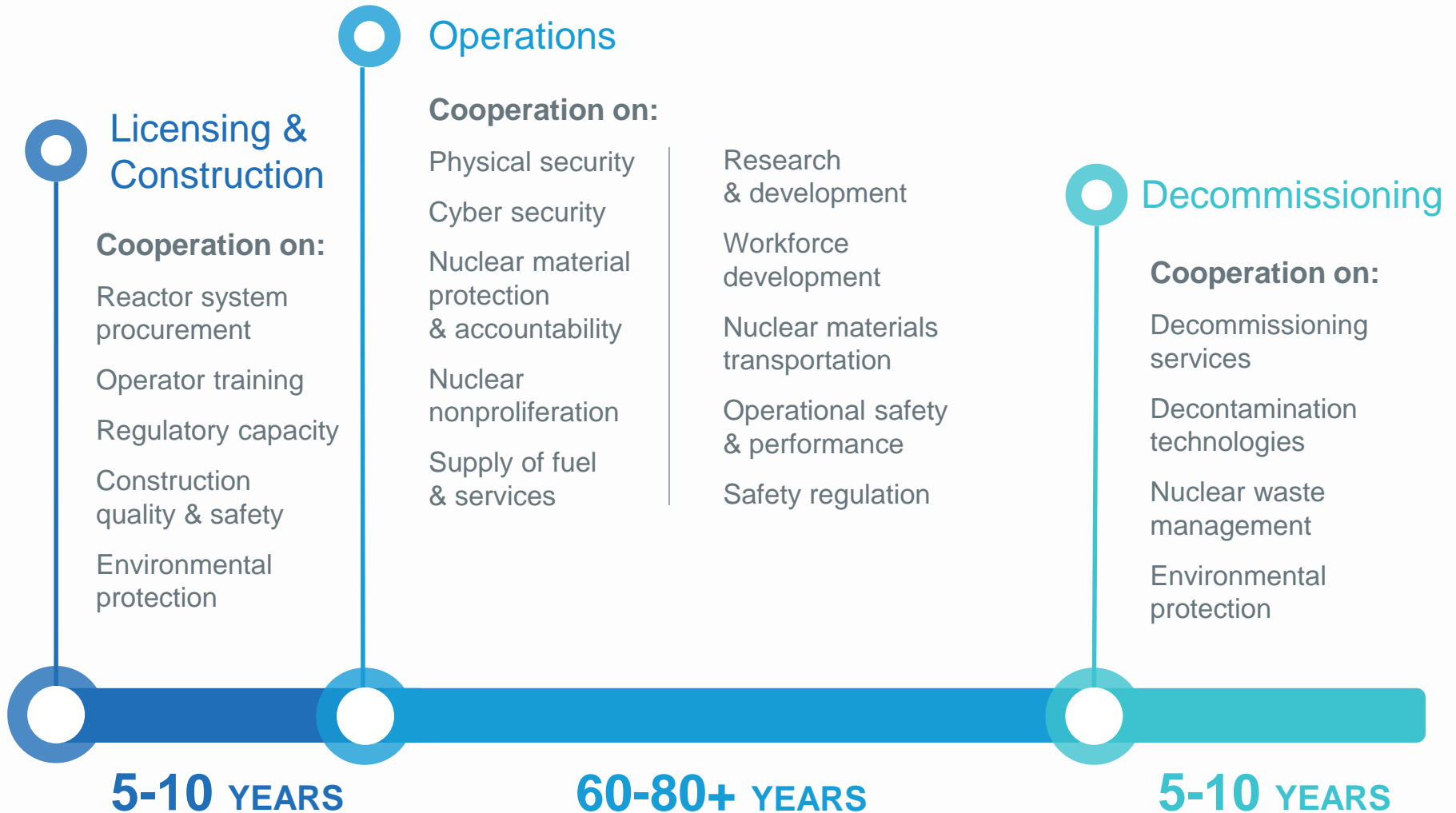


# ...TODAY, RUSSIA AND CHINA ARE WINNING

China and Russia are leading in constructing their domestic designs



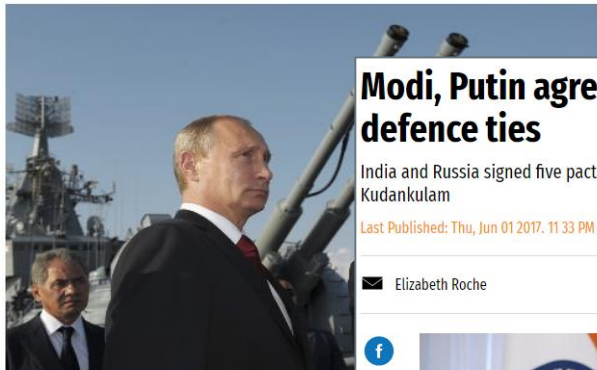
# A CENTURY-LONG RELATIONSHIP



The Great Debate

# Russia building nuclear reactors – and influence – around the globe

By Hannah Thoburn | April 29, 2015



Russian President Vladimir Putin (2nd L), his Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah el-Sisi (R) and Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu (L) meet at the port of Sochi, August 12, 2014. REUTERS/Alexander

Russia has been notoriously brazen in using its nuclear power. President Vladimir Putin's headlines and sometimes left substantial impact in other energy-related areas have been le

## Modi, Putin agree to expand nuclear power plant, push defence ties

India and Russia signed five pacts, including a crucial agreement on setting up two more atomic power plants at Kudankulam

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The pact is seen as a major outcome of the talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Photo: Grigory Dukor/Reuters

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if thanked China for extending cooperation in nuclear field. (File)

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In order to alleviate energy dependence on Moscow, the coup-imposed government in Kiev has resurrected a contract with a US company to supply fuel to Ukraine's nuclear power plants. Major US fuel sale was banned in 2010 due to dangerous

## US indicts seven Russians for hacking nuclear power firm Westinghouse



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## The U.S. Nuclear Enterprise: A Key National Security Enabler

AUGUST 2017

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June 26, 2018

The Honorable Rick Perry  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Perry:

We write to commend you for recognizing the important role our civil nuclear energy sector plays in bolstering America's national security. We urge you to continue to take concrete steps to ensure the national security attributes of U.S. nuclear power plants are properly recognized by policymakers and are valued in U.S. electricity markets.

The national security benefits of a strong domestic nuclear energy sector take many forms, many of which overlap and together are woven into the nation's greater strength and resilience. For example:

- Our nation's nuclear power plants are among the most robust elements of U.S. critical infrastructure, offering a level of protection against natural and adversarial threats that goes far beyond most other elements of our nation's electrical grid. The Department of Defense depends on the nation's grid to power 99 percent of its installations, meaning large scale disruptions affect the nation's ability to defend itself.
- Nuclear plants have up to two years' worth of fuel on site, providing valuable fuel diversity and increasing the resilience of our electrical grid by eliminating the supply vulnerabilities that face some other forms of energy supply.
- Several national security organizations, including our nuclear Navy and significant parts of the Department of Energy, benefit from a strong civil nuclear sector. Many of the companies that serve the civil nuclear sector also supply the nuclear Navy and major DOE programs. For example, the Administration's 2018 Nuclear Posture Review noted

# Creating A Brighter Nuclear Energy Future: The Essentials

- Markets and policies (e.g. CES) that fully value what nuclear delivers and stimulate new build
  - Current plants - ITC
  - New reactors – ITC or PTC
- Sustained successful operating of existing plants
  - Safe operations
  - Continually increasing operational efficiency
- Continued movement toward more risk-informed regulation

# Creating A Brighter Nuclear Energy Future: The Essentials

- Investment in RDD&D that preserves U.S. status as leading innovator
  - Cost-effective, flexible new designs
  - Advanced fuels, I&C, materials, construction/fab techniques, etc.
  - Preserve existing & add new capabilities
  
- Success in export markets
  - Ex-Im Bank
  - Administration advocacy
  
- Increased public acceptance/social license
  - Resolve back-end of the fuel cycle
  - New approaches to siting, public engagement