

# Today's Briefing

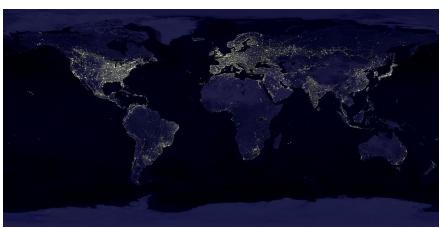
- Why nuclear energy matters
- Major industry challenges
- Preserving existing reactors—and jobs
- Defining the future of nuclear energy
- Key takeaways





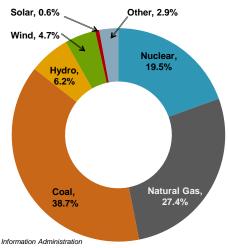


# Electricity: The Haves and the Have-Nots



Data courtesy of Marc Imhoff, NASA GSFC, and Christopher Elvidge, NOAA NGDC. Image by Craig Mayhew and Robert Simmon, NASA GSFC.

# US Electricity Fuel Shares (2015)



Nuclear energy provides nearly 20% of America's electricity. As a major source of always-on power, it part of our critical energy infrastructure.

Source: Energy Information Administration Updated: 3/16

#### Nuclear Energy's Value to America





Source: The Nuclear Industry's Contribution to the U.S. Economy, The Brattle Group, July 2015

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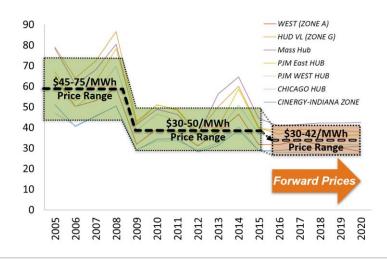
# Major Industry Challenges

- Electricity demand is expected to remain flat or show marginal growth
- Nuclear plant costs increased as electricity markets were deluged with natural gas at historically low prices
- Solar and wind continue to expand thanks to state, federal policy support
- Flawed electricity markets fail to recognize and value nuclear energy's key attributes
- Nuclear energy's average generating cost peaked at \$40 per megawatt-hour in 2012

#### **Nuclear Plant Costs**

Year	Total Cost (\$/MWh)
2002	28.27
2005	29.80
2010	36.59
2011	39.08
2012	39.75
2013	36.91
2014	36.35
2015	35.50

# **Declining Wholesale Electricity Prices**



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# Delivering the Nuclear Promise: Four Building Blocks



# Industry's Efficiency Program: Delivering the Nuclear Promise

- Sustain high levels of safety and reliability
- Identify opportunities to redesign plant processes, drive innovation to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Gain greater value for nuclear energy in electricity policy



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#### Teams and Executive Leads

- Corrective Action Program Danny Bost, Southern Nuclear
- Engineering Tim Rausch, Talen Energy
- In-Processing Bill Pitesa, Duke Energy
- Oversight and Assessment Mano Nazar, NextEra Energy
- Preventive Maintenance Templates Neil Wilmshurst, EPRI
- Radiation Protection Fadi Diya, Ameren Missouri
- Regulatory Efficiency Mano Nazar, NextEra Energy
- Risk-Informed Operations Bob Bement, Arizona Public Service
- Security Bryan Hanson, Exelon
- Training Tim Powell, South Texas Project
- Transform Organization Tim O'Connor, Xcel Energy
- Work Management Preparation Dennis Koehl, South Texas Project
- Supply Chain Adam Heflin, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.

### What We've Accomplished So Far

- 42 efficiency bulletins being implemented; more on the way
  - Going forward, annual data from Electric Utility Cost Group will allow us to assess industrywide progress
- Emphasizing need for cultural change
  - Efficiency must take its place with hallmarks of safety, reliability
  - More autonomy for certain low-risk activities



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#### States Recognize Need for Action

- New York December 2015, public service commission made nuclear plants eligible for credits under the state's Clean Energy Standard
- Illinois December 2016, governor signed Future Energy Jobs bill
- Connecticut Working to level the playing field for nuclear power plants



"I was unwilling to gamble with these communities, thousands of good paying jobs and our energy diversity. [This legislation] allows us to protect jobs, ratepayers and taxpayers."

> - Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner Dec. 7, 2016

### **Strategic Communications**

- Employee communications
  - Industry survey shows 72% of industry workers agree that they have a good understanding of Delivering the Nuclear Promise
- Communications emphasizing industry's effort to enhance efficiency, need for value recognition
- Advocating greater value for nuclear power plants in electricity and clean air markets



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### Defining Our Future: License Renewal

- More than 80 reactors have renewed operating licenses
- Nearly a dozen applications for license renewal under NRC review and more are expected
- Dominion and Exelon will apply for second license renewal for Surry and Peach Bottom, respectively



Dominion's Surry nuclear plant, Virginia



Exelon's Peach Bottom plant, Pennsylvania

#### Small Modular and Advanced Reactors

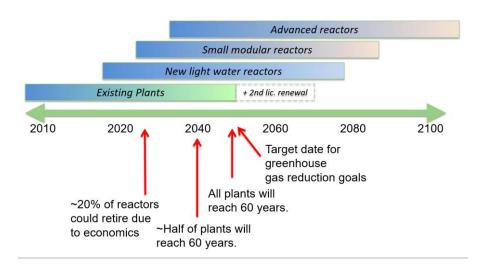
- NuScale Power to file design certification application for its small modular reactor by early 2017
- Growing interest in advanced reactors



NuScale Power Module

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# Defining Our Future: A Logical Progression



# **DNP Summary**

- Industrywide initiative will make us more efficient and effective
- We will not sacrifice safety to reduce costs
- Three strategic goals: maintain operational focus, increase value, improve efficiency
- Stakeholder outreach to industry workforce, unions and NRC
- More than 40 efficiency bulletins issued; more in progress
- Transformative ideas that will alter fundamental processes are in the works

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#### Part 2: What Can You Do to Help?



Organizational Effectiveness



Human Resource



Talent Acquisition









#### Questions

Webinar Two: Understanding the Efficiency Bulletins.

- Thursday, January 26, 2017
- 2:00PM 3:00PM EST

Webinar Three: New Workforce Planning Aids to Assist in Actualizing Savings

- Tuesday, January 31, 2017
- 1:00PM 2:30PM

Webinar Four: Communicating the DNP: Ways to better Recruit and Retain employees

- February 8, 2017
- 12:30PM 1:30PM EST

