NEI Applauds President Trump’s Decision on Uranium Imports

July 13, 2019—The Trump administration reached a final decision regarding the U.S. uranium miners’ Section 232 petition. The following statement can be attributed to Maria Korsnick, president and chief executive officer at the Nuclear Energy Institute:

“NEI applauds the president’s decision that uranium imports do not threaten national security. Quotas on uranium imports would have a crippling impact on the economic health of the U.S. nuclear fleet. The formation of the Nuclear Fuel Working Group to support the front end of the domestic fuel cycle aligns with one of NEI’s recommendations to address the very real challenges faced by the U.S. uranium miners and other fuel cycle suppliers.” <<NEI Media Team, media@nei.org

Milestones

UAMPS Reaches 150-Megawatt Milestone

The Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP) planned by Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) executed power sales contracts totaling more than 150 megawatts of subscription in the project. This milestone triggers continued work on the project, including preparation of a combined license application for submittal to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The CFPP will be built with technology provided by NuScale Power LLC and would be the first small modular reactor in the United States. It is planned to be constructed at the Idaho National Laboratory. << Adapted from UAMPS Press Release
Canada Launches Environmental Assessment of Micro Modular Reactor

The Canadian government will commence an environmental assessment for a small modular reactor project proposed by Global First Power (GFP) with support from Ultra Safe Nuclear Corp. (USNC) and Ontario Power Generation (OPG). The companies describe the move as a significant first for the Canadian nuclear industry.

If approved, the proposed project would serve as "a model for future SMR deployments that could support remote industrial applications and provide a viable option to displace fossil fuel use", the three said in a joint statement on July 15. It involves the site preparation, construction, operation and decommissioning of a single reactor at the Chalk River Laboratories site near Ottawa. << Adapted from World Nuclear News

Contracts

Uzbekistan Adds Two More Reactors to Nuclear Goal

Uzbekistan has decided to build two additional nuclear power reactors, bringing the total of planned reactors to four.

The country’s ambition to include nuclear power in its energy mix was unveiled in October last year by Uzbekistani and Russian presidents, Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Vladimir Putin. The two countries signed a cooperation agreement to build a nuclear power plant in the republic. Russia’s Rosatom will build all four 1,200-megawatt reactors. << Adapted from World Nuclear News

Transitions

Industry

Southern Nuclear announced that Peter P. Sena III has been named executive vice president and chief nuclear officer (CNO). He was previously president and CNO of PSEG Nuclear and CNO of FirstEnergy. PSEG Power LLC announced that Eric Carr will succeed Sena as president and CNO for PSEG Nuclear.