

# Nuclear Energy & National Security Forum

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Congressional Auditorium (CVC 200), Washington, DC

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8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration and Networking
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
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10:30 - 10:45 AM	Networking Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Keynote Address
11:15 – 12:00 PM	Defense and National Security to Further Drive Deployment
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Keynote Conversation and Networking Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Securing the Supply Chain – Building the U.S. Nuclear Industrial Base
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Networking Coffee Break
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Competing Globally – Financing, Exports, & Upcoming 123 Agreements
2:45 – 3:25 PM	Regulatory Alignment & Deployment at Speed
3:25 – 3:30 PM	Closing Remarks

## Detailed Agenda

### 8:30 – 9:00 AM | Registration and Networking

### 9:00 – 9:15 AM | Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Hon. Daniel Poneman, NENSC Co-Chair and Former Deputy Secretary of Energy

### 9:15 – 9:45 AM | Opening Keynote

- Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL)

### 9:45 – 10:30 AM | Building at Home to Win Abroad

- Moderator: Jay Tilden, Executive Director, NENSC
- Margaret Cosentino, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Westinghouse
- Jess Gehin, Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science & Technology, Idaho National Laboratory
- Hon. Daniel Poneman, NENSC Co-Chair and Former Deputy Secretary of Energy
- Andrew Richards, Vice President of Government Affairs, TerraPower

*This panel will explore how deploying nuclear reactors for commercial and industrial needs in the United States is foundational to meeting dynamic energy demands and competing in global markets, including the role of first-of-a-kind projects, incentives, public-private partnerships, AI and data center demand, supply chains, workforce capacity, and export credibility.*

### 10:30 – 10:45AM | Networking Coffee Break

### 10:45 – 11:15 AM | Keynote Address

- Hon. Brandon Williams, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration

## 11:15 – 12:00 PM | Defense and National Security to Further Drive Deployment

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- Moderator: Hon. Lucian Niemeyer, UCAN Power
- JT Craft, Director, Nuclear Energy Office / Janus, U.S. Department of the Army
- Dylan Enright, Senior Director Government & Revenue, Radiant
- Adrienne Schweer, Head of Government Affairs, Oklo
- Jonathan Whitham, Executive Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

*This panel will examine how Department of War investments in advanced reactors and microreactors can stimulate reactor classes applicable to the broader civil nuclear production base, including Defense Critical Infrastructure, space power and propulsion, expeditionary needs, remote and harsh environments, and floating power plants.*

## 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Keynote Conversation and Networking Lunch

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- Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)

## 1:00 – 1:45 PM | Securing the Supply Chain – Building the U.S. Nuclear Industrial Base

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- Moderator: Alan Ahn, Deputy Director for Nuclear, Third Way
- Carol Berrigan, Executive Director, International Government Affairs and Supply Chain, Nuclear Energy Institute
- Tom Deponty, Director of Government Affairs & Advocacy, Framatome
- Scott Kopple, Vice President of Government Relations, BWXT
- Sean Oehlbert, Vice President of Corporate Business Strategy, Centrus Energy Corp.

*This panel will focus on rebuilding the U.S. nuclear supply chain as a matter of national security, including key components and materials, domestic HALEU production, critical isotope production, and manufacturing capacity needed to support deployment and exports.*

## 1:45 – 2:00 PM | Networking Coffee Break

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## 2:00 – 2:45 PM | Competing Globally – Financing, Exports, & Upcoming 123 Agreements

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- Moderator: Jennifer Gordon, Director, Nuclear Energy Policy Initiative, Atlantic Council
- Kirsten Cutler, Senior Strategist for Nuclear Innovation, U.S. Department of State
- Hon. Steve Rademaker, Former Assistant Secretary of State and NENSC Expert Council Member
- Paul Saunders, President and CEO, Center for the National Interest
- Will Schirano, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Engagement & Market Development, U.S. Department of Energy

*This panel will examine how the United States can compete in a global nuclear market shaped by state-backed financing and geopolitical strategy, including export credit, development finance, diplomatic engagement, 123 agreements, and alignment of commercial objectives with national security priorities.*

## 2:45 – 3:25 PM | Regulatory Alignment & Deployment at Speed

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- Moderator: Budd Haemer, Senior Fellow, Nuclear Innovation Alliance
- Janelle Eddins, Director, Office of Advanced Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy
- Hon. Chris Hanson, Former NRC Chairman; Founder and Principal, White Flint Partners
- Kevin Kong, CEO & Founder, Everstar AI
- Amy Roma, Partner, Orrick

*This panel will examine how regulatory modernization and international alignment can accelerate nuclear deployment while maintaining rigorous safety standards, including NRC reform, coordination across authorities, allied harmonization, and reducing delays for advanced reactor deployment.*

## 3:25 – 3:30 PM | Closing Remarks

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- Jay Tilden, Executive Director, NENSC

\*Agenda subject to change