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TOP STORIES

NENSC Cohosts Virtual Discussion on KSA 123 Agreement. Earlier this week, NENSC cohosted a virtual panel with the Center for the National Interest on the anticipated U.S.–Saudi “123 agreement” for civil nuclear cooperation. The bipartisan discussion featured NENSC Co-Chair and former Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman, NENSC Expert Council member and former Assistant Secretary of State Stephen Rademaker, and nonproliferation expert Robert Einhorn.

Panelists emphasized the strategic stakes of U.S. engagement. Einhorn noted that an agreement favoring U.S.–Saudi cooperation could strengthen the bilateral relationship, revitalize the U.S. nuclear industry, and advance nonproliferation goals by limiting Saudi engagement with countries less committed to strong safeguards. Panelists agreed that the question is not whether the Kingdom will develop nuclear energy, but rather who will supply it.

New *Atomically Speaking* Podcast. In NENSC's latest [Atomically Speaking](#) podcast, NENSC Co-Chair Daniel Poneman and Dr. Thom Mason, Director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, talk about Dr. Mason's three decades of experience in the industry, and his leadership of the Laboratory's national security, science, and mission-delivery portfolio. This active discussion covers prior and recent geopolitical events, the evolution of the nuclear deterrence environment, and the state of the U.S. national security and civilian nuclear energy enterprise. [Listen HERE](#)

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

NENSC Congratulates Lawmakers for Bipartisan Introduction of the ARC Act. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jim Risch (R-ID) and Senator Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) on reintroduced the [Accelerating Reliable Capacity \(ARC\) Act of 2026](#), which would provide billions of dollars in federal backing for nuclear reactors. [Click here](#) to read NENSC's full press release and for additional information.

UCAN Power Urges Nuclear Deployment on Military Bases for Energy Resilience: UCAN Power released [a report](#) outlining programs and recommendations for the Department of War to accelerate deployment of nuclear reactors on military installations.

EXIM Backs U.S. Nuclear Exports to Poland: EXIM [has signed](#) a credit agreement with Poland's state-owned nuclear developer, Polskie Elektrownie Jądrowe, to support early engineering and design work for Poland's first nuclear power plant using U.S. AP1000 technology. The deal marks an initial step toward full project financing and signals growing momentum for American nuclear exports abroad.

U.S. and Armenia Sign Civil Nuclear Deal Amid Regional Realignment: The United States and Armenia [finalized](#) a civil nuclear cooperation agreement during Vice President JD Vance's visit to Yerevan, [enabling](#) up to \$5 billion in initial U.S. nuclear exports and \$4 billion in long-term fuel and maintenance contracts. The deal positions U.S. firms to compete to replace Armenia's aging Russian-built Metsamor plant, signaling Yerevan's effort to diversify away from Russian energy dependence.

INL and NVIDIA Launch AI-Driven "Prometheus" Initiative to Fast-Track Nuclear Energy: INL and NVIDIA [have partnered](#) under the U.S. DOE Genesis Mission to accelerate commercial nuclear reactor deployment through artificial intelligence. The initiative, codenamed *Prometheus*, aims to cut deployment timelines in half and reduce operational costs by over 50% by using AI for reactor design, licensing, construction, and operation.

U.S. and Hungary Sign Nuclear Pact Amid Orbán–Trump Alliance: The US and Hungary [signed](#) a civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, marking a shift from Hungary's longstanding reliance on Russian nuclear technology.

Uzbekistan SMR Project with Rosatom Ahead of Schedule: Uzbekistan and Russia's Rosatom say construction of the country's first SMR [is progressing](#) faster than expected, with first concrete now planned well before December 2026 and potentially as early as this spring.

IN THE NEWS

AP: [US Military Airlifts Small Reactor as Trump Pushes to Quickly Deploy Nuclear Power](#)

Nuclear Engineering International: [NEA Backs African Nuclear](#)

Nuclear Newswire: [IEA Report Describes Nuclear Growth and Need for Grid Flexibility](#)

POLITICO: [Nuclear Regulatory Commission Overhaul](#) [Paywall]

Townhall: [Energy Security Is National Security: How America Maintains Its Military Edge](#)

Washington Post: [America's Nuclear Future](#)

WNN: [U.S. Funding for Research into Recycling Used Nuclear Fuel](#)

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