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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

**Nuclear Priorities Advance in FY26 Defense Bill**: The House **passed** its fiscal 2026 defense authorization bill (H.R. 3838) largely along party lines, with partisan fights over EVs, offshore wind, and environmental protections overshadowing broad support for critical minerals and advanced nuclear energy provisions. Meanwhile, the Senate's version (S. 2296) includes Sen. Jim Risch's *International Nuclear Energy Act*, which would establish a nuclear exports working group, promote international harmonization on safety and financing, and require high-level administration coordination on nuclear issues. Both chambers' NDAA drafts highlight nuclear energy as a strategic priority for defense and international competitiveness.

**US** and **UK** Launch Atlantic Nuclear Partnership: The UK and US <a href="https://have.signed">have signed</a> the Atlantic Partnership for Advanced Nuclear Energy, a landmark deal to accelerate nuclear power deployment, cut licensing times, and drive billions in private investment. Major commercial projects are expected to create thousands of jobs, boost energy security, and phase out Russian nuclear fuel by 2028.

Canada, US, and UK Build Trust in Nuclear Regulation Cooperation: Regulators from Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom <a href="https://high.com/highlighted-the-progress">highlighted the-progress</a> and challenges of their trilateral cooperation during the IAEA General Conference in Vienna, stressing that while regulatory sovereignty remains intact, sharing technical data has already cut review times by up to 30% for some SMR designs.

**Expanding America's Nuclear Workforce for Domestic and Global Leadership**: This <u>new</u> <u>piece</u> by Third Way highlights that the U.S. must rapidly expand and train its nuclear workforce to meet ambitious goals of deploying advanced reactors at home and abroad.. Expanding training capacity is seen as vital to U.S. competitiveness against Russia and China, ensuring both reactor deployment and strong regulatory oversight as the nuclear sector scales.

## IN THE NEWS

ANS: U.S. Nuclear Fuel Recycling Takes Two Steps Forward

Council on Foreign Relations: <u>Trump's Energy Innovation Retreat Is a Win for China, Loss for</u>

<u>Climate</u>

DOE: Energy Department Announces Over \$35 Million to Advance Emerging Energy Technologies

**E&E News:** Nuclear Fuel Recycling Gains Traction for Advanced Reactors

**GAO:** <u>Nuclear Power: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Relies on Information From its Reactor</u> Oversight Process to Ensure Safety

Nuclear Engineering International: DOE Seeks Proposals for Al Data Centre Buildout

**Nuclear Newswire:** Dry Ice Blasting: A Game-Changer for Safe Cleaning and Decontamination in Nuclear Power Plants

**POLITICO:** NRC Commissioners Point to Strain on Federal Regulator as Call for New Reactors Grows

POLITICO: Data Center Developers Urge NRC to 'Unleash' Nuclear Power

Reuters: Russia Says it Will Help China Overtake the US on Nuclear Power

Third Way: NRC Reform, The Right Way

WNN: Record-breaking Year for Nuclear Electricity Generation

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