

USEA To Hold Virtual Press Briefing on the Outlook for Small Modular Reactors

The United States Energy Association's open briefing on October 17 will cover the great expectations and the many questions that still hang over SMRs.

WASHINGTON DC, UNITED STATES, October 9, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- There are great expectations for small modular reactors. In nuclear circles they represent the arrival, at long last, of the nuclear renaissance, the dawn of a new nuclear age.



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But an unusual number of questions hang over SMRs:

How will they be brought to market?

Are they really going to be cheaper than traditional light water reactors on a power-per-dollar basis?

Which of all the new entrants will survive in the market?

Will SMRs facilitate large-scale hydrogen production?

Can the NRC handle licensing a variety of design concepts?

How about the utilities? Which ones are going to buy and build?

The United States Energy Association plans to get answers to these questions at its next virtual press briefing on October 17 at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The briefing will feature a diverse panel of gifted and experienced executives who know the technology, the financing, the utility needs and the public acceptance.. They will be questioned by a panel of journalists who cover energy.

Mark Menezes, [USEA](#) President and CEO, and former deputy secretary of energy, will contribute his expertise as appropriate. Journalist Llewellyn King has organized and will moderate the briefing.

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The experts:

Tom Marcille, VP and Chief Nuclear Officer, Holtec International SMR

James Schaefer, Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Partners

Clayton Scott, Chief Commercial Officer, NuScale
Mark Gake, Nuclear Technology Portfolio Manager, Black & Veatch
Steve Chengelis, Director of Research and Development Future Nuclear, EPRI

The reporters:

Jennifer Hiller, The Wall Street Journal
Matt Chester, Energy Central
Ken Silverstein, Forbes
Peter Behr, E&E News

The SMRs briefing, which is open to the press and the public, will be broadcast live on Zoom. It will be available afterwards on both the USEA and the Energy Central websites.

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