Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium

Governor McDonnell’s 2013 Energy Legislation

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Virginia’s Nuclear Industry

• Nuclear reactors
• Nuclear Energy Research at Virginia’s Colleges and Universities
  – Healthcare
  – Energy Development
• Military Installations
• Federal Research Laboratories
• Private Corporations
Purpose

• Further collaboration and research to promote economic development, job creation and STEM education initiatives across the Commonwealth;

• Making the Commonwealth a national and global leader in nuclear energy;

• Serving as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource for the Commonwealth on nuclear energy issues;

• Foster innovative partnerships and relationships among the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth’s higher education institutions, private companies, federal laboratories, and not-for-profit organizations.
Consortium Structure

• 17 Member Authority Board
  – State agencies
  – Colleges and Universities
  – Non-profits
  – Business representatives
  – Research Entities

• Authority selects Consortium members
  – The Authority is the venue for the connection to the public interest
  – The Consortium is designed to encourage partnerships for nuclear energy development and research

• Based on the VCERC Model
  – Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium
Challenges

• Legislation considered during the 2013 General Assembly session related to uranium mining

• FOIA Concerns
  – The need to protect proprietary information and maintain transparency with the public
Next Steps

• Governor’s appointment of Authority Members

• First meeting October 2013

• Authority appointment of the Consortium

• Strategic Plan Development
Questions?

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