



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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