

## Nuclear Energy A Business Driver For The Next Generation

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#### **About ANS**



ANS is a professional organization of engineers, scientists, and other professionals devoted to the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology







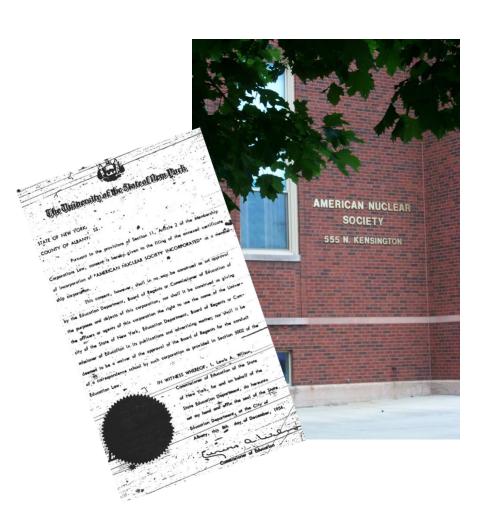






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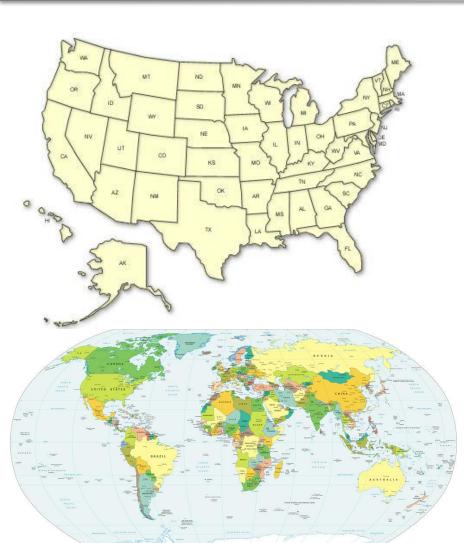




- Founded in December 1954
- Created a forum for knowledge sharing
- Convened countless conferences
- Stimulated discussion and debate among professionals
- Fostered interest in the profession
- Provided recognition for excellence
- Influenced the conversation about nuclear with those outside the field

#### **ANS Vital Statistics**





- More than 11,000 individual members
- Nearly 100 organizational members
- International alliances, bilateral agreements with some 30 nuclear societies outside the U.S.
- Over 60 local sections (including 9 outside the U.S.)
- 20 specialty professional divisions and technical groups including the Young Members Group
- More than 30 local student sections

### ANS's Unique Role



- Research
  - Professional divisions and technical groups
- Student and early career support
  - Scholarships, mentoring, leadership development
- Standards
  - Improving plant operations
- Education and professional development
  - Learning and sharing information, networking, leadership opportunities
- Public outreach and ANS's Center
  - Community awareness, K12 education, policy maker resource, media engagement
- Unique voice representing the nuclear science community
  - Informing media, opinion leaders, and policy makers





### ANS's Unique Role



- Hosts numerous national and international technical conferences
- Publishes highly regarded magazines, journals, resource books, textbooks
- Hosts social interactions for members online and offline
- Sponsors local activities and meetings
- Offers professional development programs
- Prepares members for professional certification exam
- Offers opportunities for leadership in the Society









## Rising to the Global Challenge ANS

I and the American Nuclear Society through its position statements and interactions with policy makers is committed to:

- Treat our existing reactor fleet as a national asset
- Working with our National Governors Associations (NGA) and all Governors to address Nuclear role in states Energy Policy
- Encourage DOD to be an eager lead customer of SM
- Be timely and flexible negotiating 123 agreements
- Improve the 810 process
- Be aggressive with export financing
- Invest in human infrastructure
- Develop a sensible waste policy



# Snapshot of Energy in the US



 In 2012, the United States generated about 4,054 billion kilowatthours of electricity. About 68% of the electricity generated was from fossil fuel (coal, natural gas, and petroleum), and of the fossil fuel generation 37% from coal.

Energy sources and percent share of total electricity generation in

2012 were:

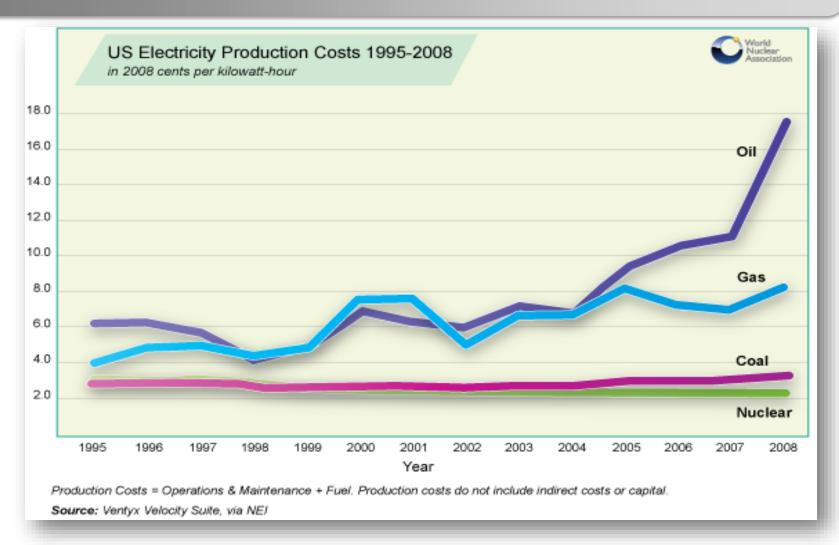
Coal 37%

- Natural Gas 30%
- Nuclear 19%
- Hydropower 7%
- Other Renewable 5%
- Biomass 1.42%
- Geothermal 0.41%
- Solar 0.11%
- Wind 3.46%
- Petroleum 1%
- Other Gases < 1%</li>



## Cost of Electricity



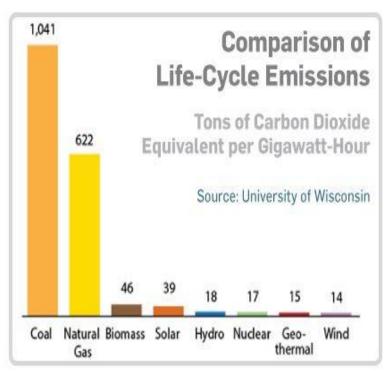


#### **Emissions**



Nuclear operates day and night in all weather while emitting no carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxide

Emission-free aspect of nuclear generation likely to become increasingly important



#### **Emissions**



Nuclear Plants produce nearly a fifth of the United States' total power production, but in 2013 accounted for an overwhelming 63 percent of the country's carbon-free energy. Nuclear energy also prevented 589 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions in 2013, equal to the carbon emissions emitted by 113 million passengers cars - more than all passenger cars in the country.

## Where We Are Headed in the US



U.S. electricity demand expected to rise 28 percent by 2040 (U.S. ElA Annual Energy Outlook 2013)

The United States will need hundreds of new power plants of <u>all</u> types to meet this increased demand and replace older facilities

Nuclear energy is the only proven large-scale, emission-free electricity source that can be widely expanded

#### Cost of Natural Gas



- Pressures associated with low price and relative abundance of natural gas
- Recent delivery difficulties of natural gas, particularly in the Northeast of the US, caused megawatt hour costs to increase from around \$40 to \$250
- Demand will have an inevitable impact on price
- Additional regulation of fracking may also have price impact





#### State of Nuclear Power



- Kewaunee and Vermont Yankee
  - o Demonstrates impact of low natural gas price



- Crystal River
  - o Containment issues as well costs and uncertainties of repairs, too much risk
- San Onofre
  - o Costs and uncertainties of repairs
- Fort Calhoun regulatory evaluation



#### State of Nuclear Power



Nuclear power still continues to be an important source of electricity

- 32 companies are licensed to operate nuclear reactors
- 31 states have operating plants
- In seven of those states, nuclear power produced the largest percentage of those states' electricity
- In 2011 nuclear power plants generated an estimated 789 billion kilowatthours





#### Overall Performance



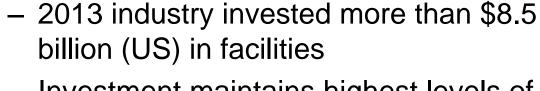
- 2012 performance demonstrated safety and reliability
- Average capacity factor was 86.4 percent
  - Best reliability of any source of electrical generation
  - Even notwithstanding contribution to capacity factor of Crystal River 3 and San Onofre 2 and 3 effective all of 2012



#### Investment







- Investment maintains highest levels of safety and reliability
- Completes some significant uprates
- Positioned facilities to operate beyond original 40 year licenses to 60 years
- Now evaluating license extensions to 80 years and beyond



### Impact of New Construction



- New construction at Vogtle and Summer underway
- Largest construction projects in their respective states, Georgia and South Carolina
- Directly employing nearly 4,000 workers, on a routine basis and twice that during peak construction
- Support about 35,000 jobs across America





#### For the Future



- Have 10 applications for construction and operating licenses under review at the NRC
- Two applications for early site permits under review at NRC
- Unlikely to be any new large build Nuclear Power Plant construction until the next decade, but will be new construction to respond as demand for electricity recovers
- As a result of our impasse on waste disposal, licensing has stalled





## Impact on Local Communities









What about the impact on local communities where nuclear plants are located?

- Each year, the average nuclear facility generates approximately \$470 million (US) in sales of goods and services
- The same average nuclear facility will create nearly \$40 million (US) in total labor income
- Operation of the same average nuclear facility generates 400 to 700 permanent jobs, which pay 36 percent more than average salaries in the local area

#### **Economics**



- Permanent jobs at nuclear plants create equivalent numbers of support jobs locally – grocery stores, restaurants, dry cleaners, car dealers
- Every dollar spent by the average nuclear plant produces \$1.04 in the local community
- Each nuclear plant generates an average of \$16 million (US) in state and local tax revenue for schools, roads and similar infrastructure
- And the federal tax payments of each nuclear unit is roughly \$67 million (US)!



**Grocery Store** 













## Stability



- Nuclear generated electricity offers considerable price stability over its coal, natural gas, and renewable energy sources
- Only 28 percent of nuclear production costs are fuel costs, compared to 80-90 percent of fossil fuel production costs are fuel costs
- Uranium is the least price volatile fuel for all our sources of energy, while nuclear energy remains the most green of all



#### What Can We Do?



- Nuclear power is beset by challenges, but laden with opportunity
- What can we do?
  - Develop comprehensive energy policy that includes all carbon-free sources, including nuclear
  - Close the nuclear fuel cycle
  - Develop and deploy SMRs
  - Ensure a strong infrastructure for domestic nuclear energy production
  - Support the export of nuclear science and technology



## Thank you!

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