USNIC Nuclear Energy Industry Trade Delegation Engages with Top Canadian Government and Industry Officials

USNIC Nuclear Energy Industry Mission delegates meet with senior officials at the U.S. Embassy Canada.

A 30-member U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council (USNIC)-led nuclear energy industry mission to Canada met with senior government, political and industry officials as it kicked off its week-long, multi-site tour in Ottawa.

The mission includes stops at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' Chalk River Laboratory, Bruce Power, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Western Waste Management Facility, Kinectrics and Darlington Nuclear Generation Station.

The Mission was organized in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) International Trade Administration (ITA). Other cooperating entities include the U.S. Embassy Canada, US Commercial Services Toronto, Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Gowling PLC, Canadian Nuclear Association and SMR Start.

The five-day, multi-region Mission also includes business-to-business sessions with Canadian industry influentials and officials including Ontario's Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources Kim Rudd.

The mission's objectives include:

- Enhancing the dialog between the U.S. and Canadian industries on common ground nuclear energy issues relevant to next generation reactors including SMRs and advanced reactors; advanced research & development; advanced manufacturing & supply chain; and nuclear plant upgrades.

- Seeing first-hand key aspects of Canada's current fleet and proposed new build and facilitating discussion among U.S. and Canadian nuclear utilities and suppliers on existing plant upgrades, research and development, licensing, supply-chain and manufacturing initiatives, and new plant construction in the longer term;

- Identifying areas of opportunity for U.S. industry to invest and team in Canada's nuclear activities and similarly for the Canadian industry to invest and team in U.S. nuclear activities; and

- Facilitating U.S. and Canadian supplier business-to-business (B2B) discussions on key regulatory and policy cross-border linkages.

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The United States Nuclear Infrastructure Council (USNIC) is the leading U.S. business consortium advocate for nuclear energy and promotion of the American supply chain globally. Composed of nearly 100 companies, USNIC represents the "Who's Who" of the nuclear supply chain community, including key utility movers, technology developers, construction engineers, manufacturers and service providers. USNIC encompasses seven working groups and select task forces. For more information visit www.usnic.org.