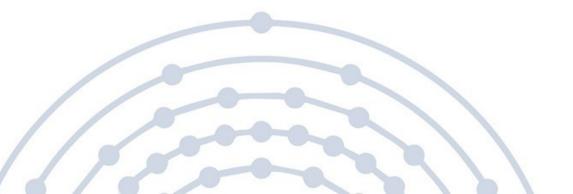


# Natrium<sup>™</sup> Plant Design and Project Overview

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### Natrium<sup>™</sup> Program Mission

#### COST-COMPETITIVE, FLEXIBLE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

- Natrium Reactor and Integrated Energy System
  - safer, simpler, <u>easier</u> and *less costly* to construct,
  - less expensive to operate, and
  - able to provide energy that is <u>competitive</u> <u>with fossil fuels</u> and *complementary to renewables*.
- Natrium Program's focus is to enable the commercialization and widespread deployment that are crucial to the health of the nuclear industry and long-term U.S. energy leadership.





# Redefining what nuclear can be...

What is the Natrium Reactor and IES?

- Integral Sodium Fast Reactor
- Distributed Nuclear Facility Layout
- Advanced once-through fuel system
  GW-hr scale Thermal Energy Storage
- Decoupled Energy Island leveraged from Concentrated Solar Plant industry

Nuclear redefined
 Eliminates nuclear "sprawl"
 ✓ Design to cost
 ✓ Simplicity
 ✓ Rapid construction

- Design specific staffing
- ~41% net thermal efficiency

#### Integrating with renewables

- Zero emission dispatchable resource
- Price follower... w/ reactor at 100% power 24/7
- 345 MWe nominal
- Flex to 500 MWe for 5.5 hours through energy storage

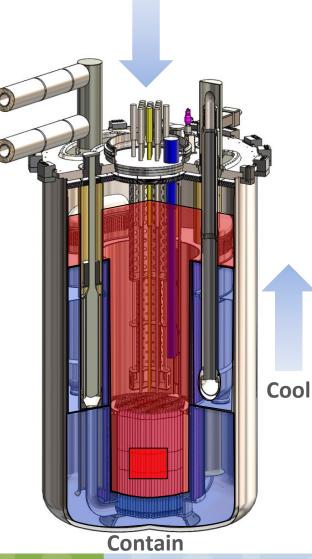
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### Natrium<sup>™</sup> Safety Features

Control

- Pool-type Metal Fuel SFR with Molten
   Salt Energy Island
  - Metallic fuel and sodium have high compatibility
  - No sodium-water reaction in steam generator
  - Large thermal inertia enables simplified response to abnormal events
- Simplified Response to Abnormal Events
  - Reliable reactor shutdown
  - Transition to coolant natural circulation
  - Indefinite passive emergency decay heat removal
  - Low pressure functional containment
  - No reliance on Energy Island for safety functions
- No Safety-Related Control Systems, Operator Actions, or AC power
- Technology Based on U.S. SFR Experience
  - EBR-I, EBR-II, FFTF, TREAT
  - SFR inherent safety characteristics demonstrated through testing in EBR-II and FFTF



### Control

- Motor-driven control rod runback
- Gravity-driven control rod scram
- Inherently stable with increased power or temperature

### Cool

- In-vessel primary sodium heat transport (limited penetrations)
- Intermediate air-cooling natural draft flow
- Reactor air cooling natural draft flow always on

### Contain

- Low primary and secondary pressure
- Sodium affinity for radionuclides
- Multiple radionuclides retention boundaries



# NATRIUM Single Unit Site

**Steam Generation** 

**Turbine Building** 

Energy Storage Tanks

Rx Aux. Building

Fuel Handling Building

**Rx Building** 

**Control Building** 

NuclearIsland

Warehouse & Admin

Energy Island Salt Piping

Standby Diesels



Switchyard

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# Site Boundary

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# **Efficient Layout for Construction**

Ease of Crane Access, Construction Sequencing, Multiple Work fronts

# Reactor Assembly and Installation

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### Nuclear Island

**Open Areas for Laydown** 

NI to El Spacing Parallel Construction

Open Areas for Laydown and Construction



**Energy Island** 

# Preparing for a new nuclear site is challenging

- Need to start from scratch to fully characterize the site
- Easements; Transmission and Distribution Lines
- Potentially new safety or environmental impacts
- Community Engagement
- Ensuring the community can accommodate the large influx of construction workers
- Engagement with Tribal Nations
- Historical and Cultural Artifacts;
- Endangered Species

### Local Community and State Government Support is extremely important







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# **Project Status**

- Completed Design Reference 1
  - 2-year design cycle
  - Establishes baseline design configuration for Construction Permit Application
  - Executed extensive Design Review to evaluate design
    - Independent Reviewers for Industry, Utilities, National Labs
- Key Equipment Procurements initiated
  - Supply Chain engaged on key equipment
    - Sodium pumps, Sodium heat exchangers, Reactor protection system, Fuel handling equipment and more
- Frequent NRC Engagements
  - Topicals, Whitepapers, many pre-engagement meetings, trainings etc
- Construction Execution Plan
- Detailed Cost Estimate Completed and In Review
- Site Evaluation Work Completed, Undergoing DOE Environmental Review
- Begin construction of Test Facility in Late 2023
- Submit Construction Permit Application early 2024.



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# **Project Status**

- Focus moving forward
  - Key methods validation
  - Key testing to develop critical technology elements
  - Completing Safety Analysis for PSAR/CPA
  - Progressing design maturation through Preliminary Design
  - Integrating and developing nuclear equipment supply chain
  - CPA authoring & NRC Engagements
  - Construction planning & integration with total project plan/schedule
  - Various permits and reviews
  - Test Facility design and construction



### Natrium<sup>™</sup> Utility Advisory Committee

- Committee Charter:
  - This committee represents the utilities and their needs; members serve in an advisory capacity to the Natrium<sup>™</sup> Program
  - Provide industry perspective feedback
  - Influence design and provide and/or vet strategies for licensing, construction and operations

Meeting targets: Updates, Working Group Development, Feedback on Design Considerations



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