

January 2015

# ECA Bulletin

Local Concerns. National Impact



Visit our website: <http://www.energyca.org>

## Inside this issue:

Page

- *DOD Assists Communities--Where Is DOE's Program?* ..... 8
- *Idaho Fines DOE Over Mist Cleanup Deadline* ..... 9
- *Andrews County Texas Addresses Nuclear Waste Storage* ..... 12

## CONGRESSMAN SIMPSON AND FLEISCHMAN TO HEADLINE ECA PEER EXCHANGE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Congressman Mike Simpson



Congressman Chuck Fleischmann

ECA's annual peer exchange, "Communities Working With DOE," will take place in Washington, D.C. on February 12<sup>th</sup> with a Board Member's only meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>! This year, we will hear from Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson, Chairman of the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, and Tennessee Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, the new chairman of the Nuclear Cleanup Caucus. We'll also be hearing from Lieutenant General Frank Klotz, Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Acting Under Secretary for Management and Performance David Klaus, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental

Management Mark Whitney, and have invited Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Dr. Pete Lyons to speak with us. We will also hold two panel discussions on *Communication Key Issues* and *Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal in the New Congress*. We hope to see you there!!!

**ECA Peer Exchange: Communities Working with DOE**  
February 12, 2015

**ECA Board Meeting**  
February 13, 2015

To register please visit [www.energyca.org/meetings.htm](http://www.energyca.org/meetings.htm)

*See the Meeting Agenda on page 6*



## Executive Committee



Energy Communities Alliance

### Chair

Councilman Chuck Smith  
Aiken County, South Carolina

### Vice Chair

Mayor Steve Young  
City of Kennewick, WA

### Treasurer

Council Chair  
Kristin Henderson  
Los Alamos County, New Mexico

### Secretary

County Executive Ron Woody  
Roane County, Tennessee

### Past Chair

Councilmember Robert Thompson  
City of Richland, Washington



# Legislative Update

The 114<sup>th</sup> Congress officially convened on January 6, 2015 with Republicans formally taking control of both chambers for the first time since 2006. Republican leaders have said they want to prove they can govern over the next two years, including passing budgets and appropriations bills on time. While the new Congress can be expected to clash with the Obama Administration on a number of issues, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has signaled his willingness to work with Democrats. "When the American people elect divided government, they're not saying they don't want anything done," Sen. McConnell told CNN earlier this month, "what they are saying is they want things done in the political center, things that both sides can agree on."

## *Committee Agendas Shaping Up*

If Republicans make good on their promise to return to "regular order," committees will exercise even more influence on legislation than they have in recent years. Last month, ECA published a list of relevant full committee chairmen and their ranking members. This month, those committees are finalizing subcommittee leadership spots and the parties are finalizing their agendas at their annual legislative retreats. Already, though, some chairmen have outlined their goals.

Senate Appropriations Chair Thad Cochran (R-MS) has said he wants to pass all 12 appropriations bills before the new fiscal year starts on October 1. Such a feat hasn't been accomplished for over a decade and Cochran has himself said it "is probably beyond

*(Continued on page 3)*

## *What to Watch For in 2015*

- **Leadership:** Dr. Monica Regalbuto is expected to be renominated to serve as Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) and rumors are surfacing that a nominee for Under Secretary for Management and Performance will be presented soon
- **FY2016 Budget:** Nuclear Energy (NE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), and EM funding requests are expected to be on par with last year's requests
- **HLW:** Expect Congressional legislation on high level waste
  - Will the EM funding request include defense high-level waste disposal?
- **State Regulation:** How will the Department of Energy (DOE) deal with Idaho and New Mexico fines and confront the possibility of South Carolina penalties?
- **Nuclear Stockpile:** Will NNSA be able to meet congressionally mandated weapons production requirements given the that CRS expert Jonathan Medalia noted that nuclear pit production has been virtually stagnate since 1989?
- **Contracting:** Will DOE and NNSA be able to award effective contracts?
- **As Always:** And while watching the annual appropriations dance, we'll all be asking whether Congress will be able to pass the 12 funding bills on time or at least come together to pass an omnibus before the end of the year

(Continued from page 2)

**Legislative Update**

the ability of any one person to deliver on that hope.” The process may be helped along by the fact that Senator McConnell has chosen to retain his seat on the Appropriations Committee.

In other matters, Congressional energy leaders have focused on authorizing the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline this month. House Environment and Energy Subcommittee Chair John Shimkus (R-IL) has announced, however, that he is working on legislation dealing with Yucca Mountain that could be voted on by the summer. Senate Energy and Environment Committee leaders Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and James Inhofe (R-OK) have also said nuclear waste is atop their agendas. ECA expects legislation on nuclear waste – and possibly a number of amendments on the issue to major legislation – to be considered this Congress.

***Budget to be Released on Time***

The White House announced that it will meet the February 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline to release the Administration’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, 10 short days before ECA’s annual DC meeting. ECA is still hearing, however, that not all the details may be finalized and available by that date. Some reports have suggested that the Administration will seek a nearly 7% increase in

discretionary spending, nearly \$68 billion above the current budget caps set in 2011. That would be split evenly between national security and domestic programs; some of that spending may be offset by revenue increases. ECA has heard that the Office of Environmental Management (EM) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) should fare well in the budget request.

Looming over the entire budgetary conversation over the next few months will be the prospect of sequestration. Agencies will not be able to spend above the 2011 budgetary caps unless Congress changes them or ends sequestration entirely. Both Congress and the President have criticized the automatic cuts but agreeing to a budget deal may prove elusive this year. While Congress is under the control of one party, the budget committee heads and key dealmakers in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress – Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) – have moved on to lead other committees. It’s not all bad news, however. The White House Office of Management and Budget released a report confirming that there will be no need for sequestration cuts in Fiscal Year 2015. Last month, we published a chart highlighting FY 2015 funding and have reproduced it on page 4.

Stick with us throughout the year to find out how what’s happening in DC is impacting your community!

**Free**  
Subscription to the  
ECA Bulletin

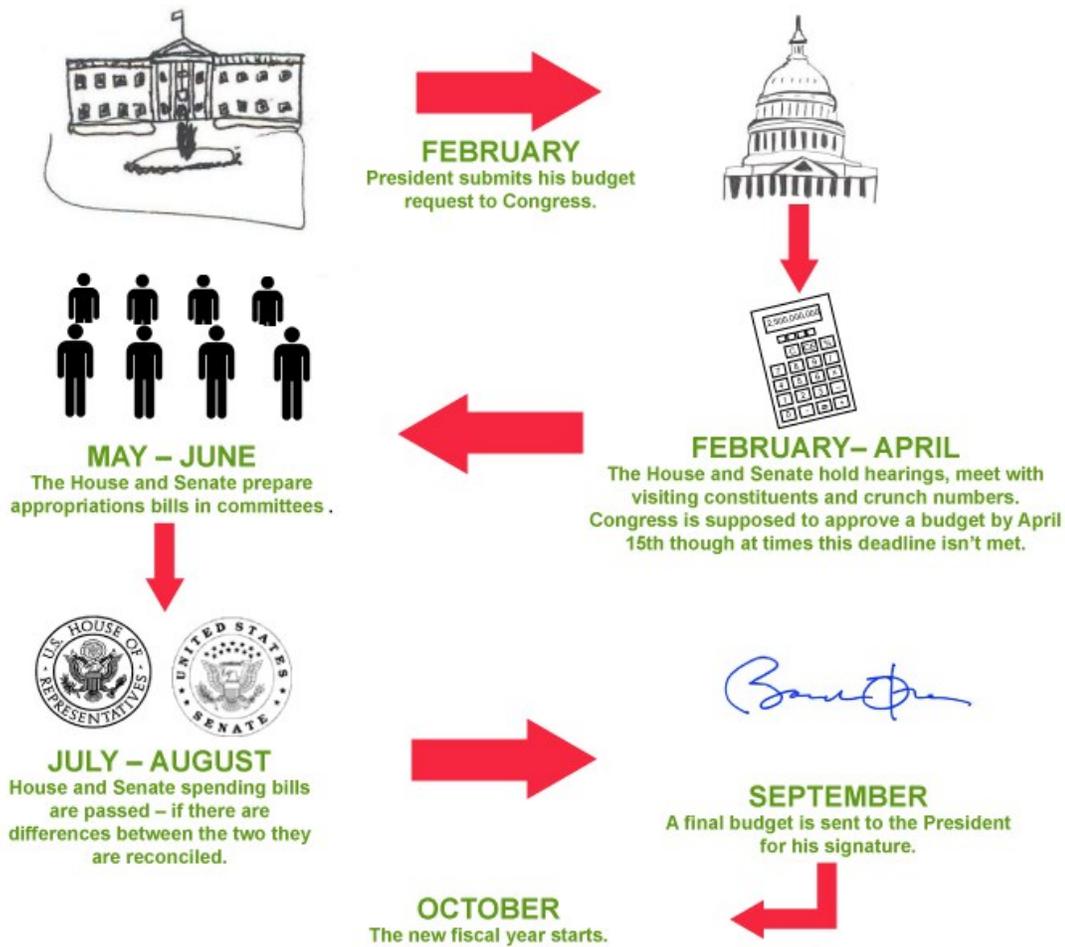
Please visit our website:  
<http://www.energyca.org>  
to be added to our mailing list

### FY 2015 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

Appropriation	FY 2014 Enacted (\$)	FY 2015 Request (\$)	FY 2015 Enacted
<b>Department of Energy</b>	27,281,046,000	28,436,428,000	27,916,797,000
<b>National Nuclear Security Administration</b>			
<b>Weapons Activities</b>	7,781,000,000	8,314,902,000	8,186,657,000
<b>Total NNSA</b>	11,207,000,000	11,658,000,000	11,407,295,000
<b>Environmental Management Funding</b>			
<b>Defense Environmental Cleanup</b>	5,000,000,000	4,864,538,000	5,000,000,000
<b>Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup</b>	231,765,000	228,174,000	246,000,000
<b>Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund</b>	598,823,000	530,976,000	625,000,000
<b>*Total</b>	5,830,588,000	5,623,688,000	5,871,000,000
<b>Cleanup Funding Highlights</b>			
<b>Carlsbad/WIPP</b>	216,190,000	216,020,000	320,000,000
<b>Hanford</b>	941,000,000	848,071,000	941,000,000
<b>Idaho National Laboratory</b>	387,000,000	367,203,000	380,203,000
<b>Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory</b>	---	1,366,000	1,366,000
<b>Los Alamos National Laboratory</b>	---	196,017,000	185,000,000
<b>Nevada NNSA Site</b>	---	64,851,000	64,851,000
<b>Oak Ridge Reservation</b>	215,000,000	206,833,000	223,050,000
<b>Office of River Protection</b>	1,210,000,000	1,235,000,000	1,212,000,000
<b>Paducah</b>	265,220,000	207,215,000	207,215,000
<b>Portsmouth</b>	137,613,000	160,000,000	214,024,000
<b>Sandia National Laboratory</b>	---	2,801,000	2,801,000
<b>Savannah River Site</b>	1,134,230,000	1,150,110,000	1,121,310,000
<b>Nuclear Energy Funding</b>			
<b>Nuclear Energy</b>	899,190,000	863,386,000	913,500,000
<b>Legacy Management Funding</b>			
<b>Legacy Management</b>	176,983,000	171,980,000	171,980,000

\*Total does not include any requests or appropriations made to offset the Decontamination and

## The Federal Budget Process (in Theory)



### Department of Energy Leadership Status

Title	Name	Status
Secretary of Energy	Dr. Ernest Moniz	Since May 2013
Deputy Secretary of Energy	Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall	Since October 2014
<i>Undersecretary for Management and Performance</i>	<i>David Klaus</i>	<i>Acting since July 2013</i>
Undersecretary for Nuclear Security and NNSA Administrator	Frank Klotz	Since April 2014
Undersecretary for Science and Energy	Dr. Franklin Orr	Since December 2014
<i>Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management</i>	<i>Mark Whitney</i>	<i>Acting since May 2014</i>
Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy	Peter Lyons	Since April 2011
Director of the Office of Legacy Management	David Geiser	Since October 2010



## ECA Peer Exchange: Communities Working with DOE

Liaison Hotel  
415 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

---

### Wednesday, February 11, 2015

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm      **Welcome Reception**  
*Dubliner Restaurant*  
*4 F Street, Northwest*  
*(For registered participants)*

---

### Thursday, February 12, 2015

8:00 am – 8:30 am      **Breakfast**

8:30 am – 8:45 am      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Councilman Chuck Smith, Chair, ECA, Aiken County, SC*  
*Seth Kirshenber, Executive Director, ECA*

8:45 am – 9:30 am      **Keynote Speaker: Congressman Mike Simpson (R-ID), Chairman,  
Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee**  
*Introduction: Mayor Rebecca Casper, Idaho Falls, ID*

9:30 am – 10:00 am      **NNSA Working with Local Governments**  
*Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret), Administrator, NNSA*  
*Introduction: County Council Chair Kristin Henderson, ECA Treasurer,  
Los Alamos County, NM*

10:00 am – 10:15 am      **Break**

10:15 am – 11:00 am      **Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)**  
**Chairman, Nuclear Cleanup Caucus**  
*Introduction: County Executive Ron Woody, ECA Secretary, Roane  
County, TN*

11:00 am – 11:50 am      **Moving Forward with Cleanup and EM Priorities**  
**Mark Whitney, Acting Assistant Secretary, DOE-EM**  
*Introduction: Mayor Steve Young, ECA Vice-Chair, City of Kennewick, WA*

---

11:50 am – 1:30 pm	<p><b>Lunch Presentation</b>  <b>David Klaus, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance, DOE</b>  <i>Introduction: Councilman Chuck Smith, Chair, ECA, Aiken County, SC</i></p>
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<p><b>What Communities Should Know About the Path Ahead for the DOE and its Contractors</b>  <b>Martin Schneider, CEO, ExchangeMonitor Publications</b>  <i>Discussion Moderator: Seth Kirshenberg, Executive Director, ECA</i></p>
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<p><b>Update on Nuclear Energy Initiatives</b>  <b>Dr. Pete Lyons, Assistant Secretary, DOE-NE (invited)</b>  <i>Introduction: Richard “Dick” Doss, Council Member City of Carlsbad, NM</i></p>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Communicating Key Issues</b>  <i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jeff Crater, Vice President, Government Relations, The Babcock &amp; Wilcox Company</i></li> <li>• <i>James Taylor, AECOM (Invited)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion Moderator: Robert Thompson, Council Member City of Richland, ECA Immediate Past Chair</i></p>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal in the New Congress</b>  <i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mary Pietrzyk, Manager, Policy Development, Nuclear Energy Institute</i></li> <li>• <i>Bill Lindquist, CEO, Waste Control Specialists</i></li> <li>• <i>Commissioner Dan Schinhofen, Nye County, NV</i></li> <li>• <i>Charles Maguire, Director, Radioactive Materials Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i></li> <li>• <i>Councilman Dick Doss, City of Carlsbad, New Mexico</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion Moderator: Kara Colton, ECA Director of Nuclear Energy Programs</i></p>

---

### Friday, February 13, 2015

---

8:30 am – 11:30 am	<p><b>ECA Board Meeting</b>  <i>ECA Members Only</i></p>
--------------------	--

## DOD CONTINUES TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES WITH DOWNSIZING DEFENSE FACILITIES – WHERE IS DOE’S PROGRAM? PART II

In recent months, the Department of Defense’s (DOD) Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) has announced millions in grants to states, communities, and local organizations to help them cope with expected downsizing at installations and cutbacks in the defense sector. Despite large layoffs at Department of Energy (DOE) sites around the country, DOE does not have a similar program to assist communities. While there’s no expectation that DOE’s budget proposal will include such a program this year, there is nothing stopping Congress from creating one or the department from proposing one in the future. Many energy communities need and would like direct assistance to address downsizing, changing missions, or planning for economic diversification. DOD’s model works well and that agency’s leadership accepts the importance of OEA-style programs.

OEA’s grants serve a variety of different purposes. Some grants help states and communities better understand how they can support and grow their defense industries. Others seek to aid the in supporting wider economic diversification. Last month, for example, OEA awarded \$875,000 to the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in partnership with the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission to support a three year study of the state’s defense industry. That study will allow state officials to study the Oklahoma defense industry, seek ways to improve

it, understand the impacts of losing it, and learn how to support and grow the industry.

In October, Pennsylvania was awarded a \$3 million grant to launch the Northeast Pennsylvania Defense Transition Partnership Initiative. The two-year initiative is designed to strengthen defense manufacturers through the creation of a customized economic development strategy that will help them diversify in the face of uncertain

DOD budgets and increase their global competitiveness.

Further, Washington State received \$4.3 million that will be used to assess the defense contracting

footprint in the state, create a strategy and support system to reduce the exposure of regional business that are overly reliant on defense spending, and study future opportunities for growth, amongst other purposes. And in the last year, OEA has awarded more than \$62 million in school design and construction grants to California and Virginia.

OEA was established in 1961. Through its Defense Industry Adjustment Program it supports state and community efforts to organize themselves to respond on behalf of affected communities, workers, and business, plan local community and economic adjustment activities to lessen local economic impacts, and carry out plans to replace lost economic activity.

More information on OEA and its programs can be found [here](#).

DOE should fund communities that are impacted by downsizing, changing missions, or planning for economic diversification. The DOD model should be followed.



**To sign up for the ECA email server  
please visit our website:**

[www.energyca.org](http://www.energyca.org)

## IDAHO FINES DOE OVER MISSED CLEANUP DEADLINE

Another state has announced financial penalties against the Department of Energy (DOE). On Wednesday, January 7, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced the agency will fine the DOE \$3,600 per day for missing a state-mandated December 31 cleanup deadline. The fines are in response to continued delays in the treatment of 900,000 gallons of liquid radioactive waste currently stored in three stainless steel tanks at DOE's desert site. If the waste is not removed or treated by July 1, the fines will increase to \$6,000 per day.

DOE's 890-square-mile site is situated in southeastern Idaho atop the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. State officials have expressed concerns for decades about potential contamination. The tanks, which are 50 years old and concealed in a concrete vault at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, do not meet current regulatory standards but the DEQ emphasized that there is no immediate concern of leakage into the water supply.

The DOE notified the DEQ on December 22 that it would not meet the end of year deadline, seeking an extension instead. DOE did not propose a new deadline, however, according to DEQ's Hazardous Waste Compliance Manager Natalie Clough. The

On Wednesday, January 7, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced the agency will fine the DOE \$3,600 per day for missing a state-mandated December 31 cleanup deadline.

deadline was originally set for 2012 in accordance with a 1992 consent order but had been extended until the end of 2014.

The waste is intended to be treated at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). The

Unit, built more than five years ago, is supposed to turn liquid waste into a more manageable powder similar to laundry detergent but has encountered numerous problems. It has yet to get beyond the testing phase but is making continued progress.



DOE is reviewing the notice of violation.

In a December 31 letter to Idaho Governor "Butch" Otter on another matter, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz said that the IWTU has begun processing simulated waste. To date 73 of the 84 acceptance criteria required by the simulated waste tests had been met.

"I can assure you that I am committed to the start-up and safe operation of the IWTU facility, along with completing the cleanup of the legacy wastes left behind from the Cold War," Secretary Moniz said in the letter.

## IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT CORE CONTACT

Next month, the Department of Energy (DOE) will issue its final request for proposals (RFP) in search of a contractor to perform "as much of the remaining DOE Office of EM's (Environmental Management) cleanup mission at the Idaho Site." The contract would include stabilizing and dispositioning of nuclear waste, retrieving targeted buried waste, closing the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering (INTEC) center tank farm, and operating and maintaining the INTEC and

Radioactive Waste Management Complex facility infrastructure.

A draft RFP was issued in late December to allow potential contractors to make comments. According to the DOE Acquisition Forecast, the final RFP will be issued in February 2015 with an anticipated award issued in early 2016. The contract is estimated at over \$1 billion in value.

## NEW ECA MEMBERS



City Manager  
David Bolling

We're pleased to announce that the City of Kingston, Tennessee is joining the Energy Communities Alliance this year. Kingston is the county seat of Roane County, which is already an ECA member, and is impacted by Department of Energy activity in nearby Oak Ridge. Kingston will be

represented by City Manager David Bolling. Bolling has served as City Manager since 2013. Bolling has a long career in public service, serving

in similar positions in Newcastle, Oliver Spring, and on the Anderson County Commission. He will be joining us at the peer exchange in February so be sure to give him a warm welcome!



Councilman Chuck Hope

Also joining us will be Oak Ridge's new ECA representative, Councilman Chuck Hope. Councilman Hope has been an Oak Ridge resident since 1974, runs a small business, and sits on a number of civic and local business boards. He too will be joining us next month. Welcome!

## BURNS TAKES OVER AS NRC CHAIR

Stephen Burns was sworn in as the 16<sup>th</sup> chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 1. He replaces Allison Macfarlane who is now the Director for International Science and Technology Policy at George Washington University.

In a recent interview with Platts, Burns offered some insights into his agenda for the coming year, outlining three priorities:

### **1. Reviewing the NRC's organizational structure.**

Chairman Burns said he intends to assess how the agency is configured and to ensure it is "right-sized." A closed commission meeting was held the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> to allow the new Chairman to confer with colleagues about organizational issues and overall agency effectiveness.

### **2. Overseeing safety enhancements at nuclear power plants.**

Burns also said the NRC will continue oversight of safety enhancements being made at nuclear power plants in response to lessons learned from the 2011

accident at Fukushima, Japan. The NRC was petitioned by anti-nuclear activists to suspend all licensing and other activities at proposed nuclear reactor projects throughout the country. While it did not, in October 2011 the NRC did begin a five-year process of implementing new safety rules to ensure plants could deal with a loss of power, withstand floods and earthquakes, and improve emergency response capabilities.

### **3. Reviewing the NRC's approach to regulating power reactors being decommissioned.**

The new chair highlighted the importance of reviewing the NRC's regulation of reactors being decommissioned. Last month, the NRC began the process of issuing new rules on that matter, seeking to improve on the decommissioning exemption process.

Burns had previously served in a variety of positions at the agency over a 33 year period, including as general counsel from 2009 to 2012. He was sworn in as a commissioner last November for a term that expires in June 2019.

## CONTRACTS OUT FOR BID

<p><b>Kansas City Plant</b></p>	<p>The National Security Campus (NSC) in Kansas City, MO is situated on approximately 177 acres. The facility is leased for the NNSA by the General Services Administration. Satellite operations include Government-owned or -leased facilities that provide support to other U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) organizations associated with nuclear weapons activities in Albuquerque, NM, and at several training and communications sites. The NSC is one of several production plants that are critical to the DOE's Stockpile Stewardship Program. The primary mission of the NSC is the production and procurement of electrical, electronic, mechanical, electro-mechanical, plastic, and metal components and hardware for nuclear weapons. The projected budget for the NSC management and operating contract is approximately \$900 M per year or \$9 B for the ten-year period of performance (including options). Status: RFP issued December 12, 2014, due February 10, 2015 For more information, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Idaho Calcine Disposition Project and SNF Repackaging</b></p>	<p>The Master Acquisition Plan for the Idaho Site Post FY15 Environmental Management (EM) Mission Work has been approved. The approved procurement strategy within the Master Acquisition Plan is to award four separate contracts to cover the major elements of post FY15 EM mission work including: Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF), Solid Waste Management, Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&amp;D), Environmental Activities, Facility Infrastructure (EM Areas only), Calcine Disposition and Spent Fuel Repackaging. Status: Four separate solicitations For more information click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Support Services</b></p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Energy today issued a Final Request for Proposal (RFP), for the continued performance of infrastructure support services at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. A firm-fixed-price, labor hour, cost reimbursement, and indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract will be awarded from this Final RFP. The total estimated value of the contract is between \$100 and \$180 million, with a three-year base period of performance with an additional 22-month option period. Status: RFP issued December 9, 2014, due by February 5, 2015 For more information, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Los Alamos National Laboratory Natural Resource Damage Assessment Support Services</b></p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Energy is seeking a contractor to safely assist the Office of Natural Resource Trustee (ONRT) Council with undertaking an Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for injuries to natural resources from releases of hazardous substances from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The LANL NRDA Support Services Contract will require the Contractor to perform all work specified in the contract and to determine the specific methods of accomplishing the work. The estimated value of the contract is \$24 million over 5 years. Status: RFP issues November 20, 2014, due by February 2, 2015 For more information, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS, PASSES RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STORAGE SITE FOR HLW AND SNF

This month the Commissioners Court of Andrews County, Texas, passed a resolution in support of establishing a site in Andrews County for consolidated interim storage of high-level radioactive waste (HLW) and spent nuclear fuel (SNF). In the resolution, the Commissioners Court calls upon “the State of Texas, all of its agencies, officials and political subdivisions, and all members of the Texas congressional delegation to work cooperatively” for its creation.

Andrews County already hosts two low-level waste disposal facilities operated by Waste Control Specialists (WCS). As noted in the resolution, the County sees significant economic benefits as the host – the County receives 5 percent of the gross receipts from the waste disposed. Receipts to date total over \$5 million paid directly to Andrews County and they expect future receipts will total more than \$3 million per year. In addition, the site provides 170 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of more than \$13 million.

In December 2014, WCS hosted a public meeting to discuss the possibility of developing the interim storage site. It was attended by legislators, nuclear waste specialists, and more than 400 Andrews County residents. At that meeting, WCS President Rod Baltzer estimated that the interim storage facility would generate \$10 million annually for the County, but assured those present that, “If Anderson

County and the community does not want this, it will not happen.”

In March 2014 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issued a report, “An Assessment of Texas’s High Level Radioactive Waste Storage Options” analyzing the challenges associated with a consolidated interim storage facility for HLW and SNF. The report found that it would be “not only feasible but highly successful” so long as the approach “minimizes local and state opposition through stakeholder meetings, finding volunteer communities, financial incentives, and a process that is considered fair and technically rigorous.” The Texas Radiation Advisory Board has also taken the position that it is in Texas’ best interest to be considered for the site.

The resolution provides that the Andrews County Judge will be authorized to negotiate any terms of interlocal agreements and other contracts related to financial incentives that may be available to the County, subject to approval by the full Commissioners Court. The County will also exercise its regulatory and service-providing authority related to transportation planning, infrastructure development, police and fire protection.

WCS has yet to formally file any license applications.



Voices of the Manhattan Project, a joint development by the Atomic Heritage Foundation and the Los Alamos Historical Society, is publishing Manhattan Project oral histories. Check them out at [manhattanprojectvoices.org](http://manhattanprojectvoices.org).

## Y-12 AND PANTEX RECEIVE NNSA SUSTAINABILITY REWARDS IN 2014

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) awarded six 2014 Sustainability Rewards for innovation and excellence to the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas and the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Both have been operated and managed by Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC in full since July 2014.

NNSA selected five “Best in Class” and 10 “Environmental Stewardship” awards out of 24 nominations submitted in 12 award categories. The following efforts were recognized:

### Best in Class Awards:

- *Exceptional Service/Sustainability Champion: Y-12's Clarence Hill Cultivates the Seeds of Change (Y-12 National Security Complex):* The exceptional service/sustainability champion demonstrates a history of exemplary performance in leading implementation of sustainable practices while reflecting a comprehensive approach to energy and environmental management through innovative strategies, practices and outreach.
- *Renewable Energy: Pantex Renewable Energy Project (Pantex Plant):* This award category and selected project recognizes outstanding achievements in planning, design and constructing renewable energy to replace or lower conventional energy consumption. This award recognizes the Pantex Plant for the renewable energy wind farm project.
- *Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention: Pantex Exceeding Waste Reduction Goals (Pantex Plant):* This award category and selected nomination recognizes innovative and effective waste-reduction programs that exceeded performance targets in the Pantex Plants Site's Sustainability Plan.

### Environmental Stewardship Awards:

- *Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention: Y-12 Unneeded Materials and Chemicals Program (Y-12 National Security Complex):* This award category and selected nomination recognizes innovative and effective waste-reduction programs that exceed performance targets in Y-12's Site Sustainability Plan.
- *Innovation and Holistic Approach: Y-12 Sweeping it Clean (Y-12 National Security Complex):* This award category recognizes innovative methods and cross-disciplinary research at the site level to support sustainability goal attainment that includes innovative ideas to tackle broad-based sustainability issues.
- *SustainABLE Communications: Why Y-12 Must Communicate (Y-12 National Security Complex):* This award category recognizes successful and innovative communications and marketing strategies that promote sustainability goals, successes and best practices with a focus on effective and unique outreach programs that engage stakeholders and discuss the benefits of sustainability.

## IG REPORT IDENTIFIES MORE THAN 200 HIGH-RISK FACILITIES

On January 23, the Department of Energy's Inspector General (IG) released a report identifying 234 high-risk buildings throughout the nuclear complex that are dirty, degraded, and have no definitive schedule for cleanup. Cleanup dates for many of these facilities has been pushed out to 2025 at the earliest, and may possibly extend until 2035. Many of these facilities contain dangerous elements such as uranium and mercury. The IG report also found that the buildings continue to deteriorate despite some funding being used to mitigate risks to mission, workers, the public, and the environment. The IG recommends the Department (1) develop and report on contaminated excess facilities to help inform cleanup decisions, and (2) reconsider the current approach for the disposition of those facilities.

The full report can be found [here](#).

## ECA REPRESENTATIVES GAIN INFLUENCE IN CONGRESS

With Republicans taking control of Congress, Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell (Paducah Site) will now be Majority Leader. The Chairmen of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees are Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander (Oak Ridge) and Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson (Idaho National Laboratory). Other ECA area representatives have seen their influence grow as well:

State	Site	Member	Position
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory</li> <li>Energy Technology Engineering Center</li> </ul>	Sen. Dianne Feinstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ranking Member, Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development</li> </ul>
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rocky Flats</li> </ul>	Sen. Cory Gardner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Energy and Natural Resources Committee Member</li> </ul>
Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Idaho National Laboratory</li> </ul>	Sen. Mike Crapo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Environment and Public Works</li> </ul>
		Sen. James Risch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>(Likely)</i> Chair, Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy</li> </ul>
		Rep. Mike Simpson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development</li> </ul>
Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant</li> </ul>	Sen. Mitch McConnell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority Leader</li> <li>Member, Appropriations Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Ed Whitfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power</li> </ul>
Nevada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nevada National Security Site</li> </ul>	Sen. Harry Reid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minority Leader</li> </ul>
		Rep. Crescent Hardy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member Natural Resources Committee</li> </ul>
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los Alamos National Laboratory</li> <li>Sandia National Laboratory</li> <li>Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</li> </ul>	Sen. Tom Udall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Appropriations Committee</li> <li>Member, Environment and Public Works Committee</li> </ul>
		Sen. Martin Heinrich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Energy and Natural Resources Committee</li> <li>Member, Armed Services Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Ben Ray Lujan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Energy and Commerce Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Steve Pearce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Financial Services Committee</li> <li>Co-chairman, Congressional Western Caucus</li> </ul>

State	Site	Member	Position
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Valley Demonstration Project Site</li> <li>Separations Process Research Unit</li> <li>Brookhaven National Laboratory</li> </ul>	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Environment and Public Works Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Paul Tonko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Energy and Commerce Committee</li> </ul>
Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant</li> <li>Mound Site</li> </ul>	Sen. Rob Portman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Energy and Natural Resources Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Brad Wenstrup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Armed Services Committee</li> </ul>
South Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savannah River Site</li> </ul>	Sen. Lindsey Graham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel</li> <li>Member, Appropriations Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Joe Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel</li> </ul>
Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oak Ridge Reservation</li> <li>Oak Ridge National Laboratory</li> <li>Y-12 National Security Complex</li> </ul>	Sen. Lamar Alexander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Energy and Water Appropriations Development Subcommittee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Chuck Fleischmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Nuclear Cleanup Caucus</li> <li>Member, Appropriations Committee</li> </ul>
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pantex Plant</li> </ul>	Sen. John Cornyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority Whip</li> </ul>
		Sen. Ted Cruz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Armed Services Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Mac Thornberry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Armed Services Committee</li> </ul>
Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOAB, UMTRA Project</li> </ul>	Sen. Mike Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Energy and Natural Resources Committee</li> <li>Member, Armed Services Committee</li> </ul>
Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanford Site</li> <li>Pacific Nuclear National Laboratory</li> </ul>	Sen. Patty Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Appropriations Committee</li> </ul>
		Sen. Maria Cantwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ranking Member, Energy and Natural Resources Committee</li> </ul>
		Rep. Dan Newhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Natural Resources Committee</li> </ul>

## DOE ANNOUNCES ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJOR CLEANUP MILESTONE AT SRS

In late December, the Department of Energy (DOE) announced it had reached a major milestone in its efforts to clean up the Cold War legacy at the Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina.

Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz signed a determination on December 19, 2014 allowing SRS to complete cleanup and closure of the underground liquid waste tanks in the H Tank Farm as they are emptied and cleaned. Extensive technical environmental analysis, public review and comment, and consultation with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission had been undertaken prior to the determination. The process also included the Environmental Protection Agency and, perhaps most importantly, the State of South Carolina.

“Today’s announcement is an important step in the effort to close tanks at the Savannah River Site, and is a result of hard work and sustained collaboration between partners at the local, state, and federal level,” Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said in a press release. “We are now able to move forward to safely, effectively and efficiently clean up and close

these tanks in the H Tank Farm, as we work to achieve the key mission of cleaning up the environmental legacy of the Cold War.”



U.S. Energy Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, left, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Director Catherine Templeton and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) unveil a marker to commemorate the closing of waste tanks at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Tank 16, the only tank at the site that historically leaked, will be the first tank closed, followed by Tank 12, then an additional 27 tanks following cleaning, public review, and state approval. According to the DOE, site workers have removed more than 99 percent of the waste in Tanks 12 and 16 and must now move on to grouting interiors with a cement-like material to stabilize the tanks and immobilize any residual waste.

SRS was constructed in the early 1950s to produce basic materials used in the fabrication of nuclear weapons in support of our nation's defense programs. Tanks 12 and 16, two of the many nuclear facilities constructed at the site to support the United States Cold War effort, were built in the 1950s to store radioactive liquid waste generated through the site's nuclear weapons material processing.

## NEW DNFSB MEMBER



Daniel J. Santos

Daniel J. Santos was sworn in as the newest member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) on December 23, 2014. He was confirmed by Congress on December 16, 2014, for a term expiring October 18, 2017. Mr. Santos was nominated by

President Obama last July.

Santos has a long history in the nuclear arena. Prior to his confirmation, he served as Senior Technical

Advisor at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) since 2007 and before that as the Chairman of the Multinational Design Evaluation Program in the Digital Instrumentation and Controls Group. Before joining the NRC, he worked at the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Headquarters. He began his career as an Officer in the United States Navy in 1997. Mr. Santos received a B.S. from the University of Puerto Rico, an M.S. from the Naval Postgraduate School, and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland.

## WIPP UPDATE

### *DOE Challenges New Mexico Fines*

Last month, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) levied \$54 million in fines against the Department of Energy (DOE) for permit violations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The fines, the largest-ever civil penalties imposed by a state against the federal government, come in the aftermath of a radiological release at WIPP nearly a year ago.

This month, the DOE challenged the fines, calling them “arbitrary” and “capricious.” DOE asserts that the state “improperly imposed penalties for violations which did not occur”

and says the fines are “grossly disproportionate” to those levied against other entities.

Despite the strong language, both the DOE and NMED said settlement discussions are ongoing.

In a statement, NMED said it “is always willing to consider settlement options in an effort to avoid excessive taxpayer expenses involved in litigation,” but added that “our top priority is correcting the problems that ultimately caused the release at WIPP and ensuring the long-term success of New Mexico’s federal facilities.”

DOE formally denies many of the violations, including safety and maintenance problems at WIPP and the mishandling of legacy defense nuclear waste at LANL, and has formally requested a hearing on the matter. “We look forward to addressing the underlying causes that led to compliance orders and to developing a positive path forward for the re-opening of WIPP and the resumption of transuranic waste operations at LANL,” the DOE said in a press release earlier this month.

Under the 1992 federal law allowing the U.S. government to open WIPP, New Mexico secured the authority to issue environmental permits and the

ability to fine the federal government in the event of violations. According to the *Albuquerque Journal*, in its response to the fine the DOE said NMED’s penalties “unconstitutionally limits operations of the department in violation of the Supremacy clause of the United States Constitution” and claimed the state had no jurisdiction to regulate the “radiological components” of waste disposed of at WIPP.

“Our top priority is correcting the problems that ultimately cause the release at WIPP and ensuring the long-term success of New Mexico’s federal facilities,” said NMED.

In a telephone interview with the *Albuquerque Journal*, NMED Secretary Ryan Flynn said his department “did not overreach at all.”

Don Hancock, a longtime WIPP observer with the Southwest Research and Information Center in Albuquerque said the state had the authority to levy the fines and regulate the DOE’s operations. “This is an absurd legal argument,” he told the *Journal*.

### *WIPP Receives Extra Funding for Recovery Process*

As reported in the ECA Bulletin last month, WIPP was appropriated over \$100 million more than it received last year and requested for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015. The additional funding was made necessary following the February 2014 incident that occurred after the budget request had been put together. New Mexico Senators Ton Udall and Martin Heinrich were instrumental in securing the additional funding.

“This extra funding will help ensure that WIPP maintains the highest level of safety and transparency to protect the workers and community, and keep the recovery efforts moving forward so that safe operations can be restored,” Heinrich said.

“This is critical funding that is absolutely necessary to move forward with cleanup and recovery at

*(Continued on page 18)*

(Continued from page 17)

## WIPP Update

WIPP and so we can resume shipments of waste from Los Alamos," Udall said. According to *Current-Argus News*, Sen. Udall worked to secure funding for WIPP in the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill last June.

### Recovery Efforts Behind Schedule

The additional funding may help the federal government catch up in its recovery efforts.

According to the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, at a gathering in Carlsbad on January 14, DOE officials said progress towards reopening the repository were already months behind schedule. News of the

delay followed shortly after a critical National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) report was released on LANL's mishandling of waste.

"As a direct result of the waste incident, the nation's only transuranic waste repository has suspended inbound shipments, adversely affecting all facilities that generate these wastes nationally, incurring large costs that cannot yet be accurately computed, and degrading an important regulatory relationship," said the NNSA's annual evaluation of the lab. "In addition to the direct and indirect costs and the adverse impact on the regional economy, there is a very high likelihood that the government will

ultimately be responsible for significant fines and penalties."

At the Carlsbad meeting, DOE and contractor officials presented a report that showed WIPP is not expected to resume all activities until at least mid-2018. Recovery efforts could cost more than \$550 million.

### Contractors Denied Performance Pay

The private contractor that runs WIPP is being denied millions of dollars in performance pay in conjunction with the financial fallout from the closure of the repository the *Los Angeles Times* reported this month. Just before the end of the year, the DOE released documents showing it is paying Nuclear Waste

Partnership LLC just \$21,576 of the \$8 million of potential performance incentives for the last fiscal year. The Partnership is paid more than \$140 million annually to run the facility.

Los Alamos National Security (LANS), the contractor in charge of managing LANL, saw its own fees reduced by \$57 million for 2014. That is a nearly 90% reduction from the \$63.4 million the contractor could have earned had it met all of its 2014 contract incentives. In cutting the fee, DOE determined that LANS had a "first-degree performance failure." The duration of the management contract was also reduced by one year.

The additional funding may help the federal government catch up in its recovery efforts. Recovery efforts could cost more than \$550 million.



## Bulletin Ideas?

Would you like to have stories featured in the next Bulletin?  
Send your ideas and photos to [Devon@energyca.org](mailto:Devon@energyca.org)

## KOTEK JOINS OFFICE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY



John Kotek

John Kotek, a former Hill Staffer, Director of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's nuclear Future, and currently an executive with Gallatin Public Affairs, has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary in the Office of Nuclear Energy. Kotek has worked closely with ECA for more than a decade. He will be responsible for implementing the department's strategy for managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. Kotek will also be in charge nation's nuclear energy research

and development programs including the national labs.

According to Gallatin, Kotek is a nationally recognized expert in energy policy. He has worked for more than 25 years on nuclear energy research and nuclear waste issues. He began working with the Idaho National Laboratory in 1999 at what was then Argonne National Laboratory-West. In 2003 he was named deputy manager of the Idaho Operations Office and previously served as a congressional fellow in the office of Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico. Kotek earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from University of Maryland.

## IDAHO AGREES TO SNF SHIPMENTS

Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter agreed to allow two new shipments of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) into Idaho for research purposes. The SNF is intended to be used by the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) to examine the storage and recycling of fuels.

Under the terms of the 1995 Settlement Agreement with the state, shipments of commercial SNF into Idaho are prohibited. Nonetheless, Idaho and the Department of Energy (DOE) have worked together to promote research activities at the INL, including allowing shipments of waste from time to time.

In a December 31 letter to the Governor, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz sought the state's support for additional shipments citing the January 2011 Memorandum of Agreement allowing research quantities of SNL at INL. The shipments, proposed for June 2015 and January 2016, would consist of one cask of 25 spent fuel rods each. According to

Moniz, the funding associated with the two research projects "is expected to be about \$10-20M annually to the INL through approximately the end of this decade."

In his January 8 response, also signed by state Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Governor Otter noted that "the 2011 Memorandum of Agreement is not operative at this time because DOE is not in compliance with the 1995 Settlement Agreement." He nonetheless remains supportive of the INL's mission and granted a "one-time, conditional waiver" to allow the shipments.

Secretary Moniz's letter can be found [here](#).

Governor Otter's letter can be found [here](#).



Governor  
C.L. "Butch" Otter

# 2015 Congressional Calendar

- Senate in session
- Both chambers in session
- Both chambers in recess
- Federal holiday

## January

M	T	W	T	F
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Senate & House convene	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>19</b> MLK Jr. Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## February

M	T	W	T	F
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>16</b> Presidents Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

## March

M	T	W	T	F
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## April

M	T	W	T	F
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Good Friday & Passover Begins
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Passover Ends (4/11)
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## May

M	T	W	T	F
				<b>1</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b> Memorial Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## June

M	T	W	T	F
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

## July

M	T	W	T	F
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Independence Day (Federal holiday)
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## August

M	T	W	T	F
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>31</b>				

## September

M	T	W	T	F
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b> Labor Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Rosh Hashanah ends (begins 9/13)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Yom Kippur begins	<b>23</b> Yom Kippur Ends	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

## October

M	T	W	T	F
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>12</b> Columbus Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## November

M	T	W	T	F
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving	<b>27</b>
<b>30</b>				

## December

M	T	W	T	F
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b> Hanukkah begins (12/6)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14</b> Hanukkah ends	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# 2015 Calendar of Events



January 20	State of the Union Address
January 21	65 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Truman's decision to develop the hydrogen bomb
First Week of February	Department of Defense Secretary Confirmation Hearings
February 2	FY16 Budget due to be released
February 11	Oak Ridge Reservation SSAB Meeting, more information <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>February 12-13</b>	<b>ECA Annual Meeting and Board Meeting, Liaison Hotel, Washington, DC See meeting information here <a href="http://www.energyca.org/meetings.htm">www.energyca.org/meetings.htm</a></b>
April 15	Budget Resolution due to be passed by Congress
May	ECA Peer Exchange on Nuclear Energy Issues (dates and location TBD)



1101 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202.828.2423  
Fax: 202.828.2488  
Email: [bulletin@energyca.org](mailto:bulletin@energyca.org)

#### **ECA Articles**

Allison Finelli, Deputy Executive Director  
Kara Colton, Director of Nuclear Energy Programs  
Devon Hill, Program Manager

#### **Layout and Design**

Sharon M. Worley, ECA Staff Assistant

### **Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) Bulletin**

1101 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036

All Rights Reserved © 2009 by the Energy Communities Alliance. No portion is to be reproduced without credit and written notification to the Energy Communities Alliance. The Energy Communities Alliance Bulletin is published monthly via a printed and electronic version. If you would like to subscribe to the Energy Communities Alliance Bulletin, please send your name and address to the address above or fax it to us at 202-828-2488 or email [Bulletin@energyca.org](mailto:Bulletin@energyca.org)

*Thank you to the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Office for its support of the ECA Bulletin through cooperative agreement No. DE—EM002400*

# ECA Would Like To Thank Our Peer Exchange Supporters



## Special Thanks To

