

# U.S. Nuclear Energy Status

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# Introduction and Background

- In late 2013, the U.S. had 104 operating reactors
- In October 2016, Watts Bar 2 commenced commercial operation
- As of September 2019, the U.S. has 97 operating reactors
- There are 2 AP1000s in construction in Georgia
- There are 9 sites in some level of active decommissioning: Zion, San Onofre 2/3, Crystal River 3, Kewaunee, Vermont Yankee, Pilgrim, Fitzpatrick, Fort Calhoun, Oyster Creek, and soon TMI 1/2



# Announced Premature Shutdown of Nuclear Plants and Actions in Response

What is contributing to these premature shutdowns of nuclear plants?

- U.S. Electricity Market is severely flawed.
- U.S. Electricity Market favors subsidized wind and solar
- U.S. Electricity Market recognizes no unique value for Nuclear
- Not all KW are created equal:

The unique value of nuclear is:

***Energy, Economy, Environment, and National Security***

# Energy

- Nuclear produces affordable, available, reliable energy 7 days per week/24 hours per day as the only environmentally friendly baseload energy supply
  - **Supports grid stability**
  - **Provides price stability**
  - **Runs when needed**
  - **Contributes to fuel and technology diversity**

# Economy

- Each year, the average nuclear unit generates approximately \$490 million (U.S.) in sales of goods and services
- The same average nuclear unit will create nearly \$46 million (U.S.) in total labor income
- Operation of the same average nuclear unit generates 700-1200 permanent jobs, which pay 36 to 42% more than average salaries in the local area and the state

# Economy

- Permanent jobs at nuclear plants create equivalent numbers of support jobs locally- grocery stores, restaurants, dry cleaners, car dealers, services providers, etc.
- Every dollar spent by the average nuclear unit produces \$1.04 in the local community- anchors the local community
- Each nuclear unit generates an average of \$16 -\$20 million (U.S.) in state and local tax revenue for schools, roads and similar needed infrastructure
- And the annual federal tax payments of each nuclear unit is roughly \$67 million (U.S.)

# Environment

Nuclear produces approximately 20% of the U.S. energy, and provides more than 55% of the carbon-free emitting energy in the U.S.

- **Provides clean air compliance value**
- **Avoids carbon emissions**
- **Vital component of addressing climate change**



# National Security

- **Leading in Nuclear Energy Means Leading in the World**
  - America's expertise lets us set international standards and keep nuclear materials out of the hands of bad actors.
  - Reactor exports allow the U.S. to form 100-year strategic relationships around the world that span the construction, operation, and decommissioning of a plant.
- **A Secure Nation Needs a Resilient Grid**
  - Nuclear plants generate electricity 24/7—even in extreme weather—and have up to two years of fuel on-site.
  - Comprehensive safety procedures and stringent federal regulations ensure nuclear plants are protected and robust.
- **Nuclear Powers National Defense**
  - The industry supports a strong supply chain for our nuclear Navy and defense agencies.
  - Since the U.S. DOD depends on the grid to power 99 percent of its installations, nuclear's reliability supports the nation's ability to defend itself.
  - The Pentagon, with Congress' encouragement, is considering the use of small reactors to enhance domestic defense installations.



# Nuclear Contributions

AVOIDS  
**528**  
MILLION  
METRIC TONS OF  
CARBON  
EMISSIONS  
EACH YEAR

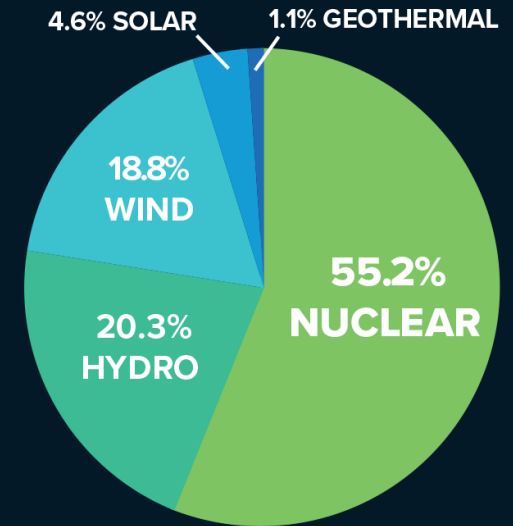
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PREVENTS  
**286,516**  
SHORT TONS  
OF NOX

AND

**346,485**  
SHORT TONS  
OF SO2  
EMISSIONS

— AVERAGE —  
CAP FACTOR  
**>90%**  
OVER THE LAST  
20 YEARS



CONTRIBUTES  
**\$10 BILLION** IN FEDERAL  
AND **\$2.2 BILLION** IN STATE  
TAXES EACH YEAR

SUPPORTS  
**475,000**  
JOBS

SAVES CONSUMERS  
AN AVERAGE OF

**6%**  
ON ELECTRICITY BILLS

ADDS  
**\$60**  
BILLION  
TO THE COUNTRY'S  
**GDP**

# Nuclear Plants: Premature Closures and Announced Shutdowns

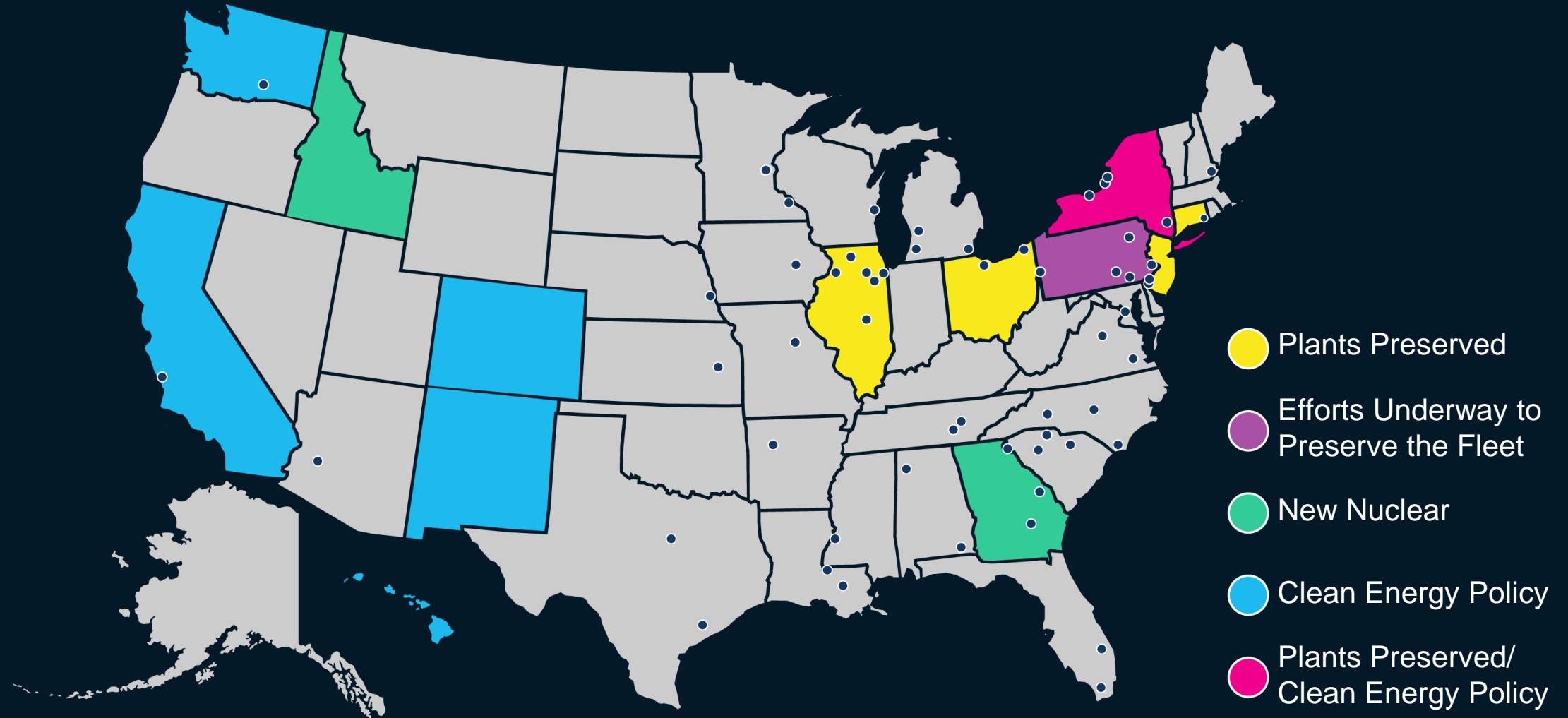
Plant	State	Capacity (MWe)	Closure Year	Latest Year Generation (billion kWh per year)	Latest Year CO2 Avoided (Million tons per year)
<b>Crystal River 3</b>	Florida	860	2013	7.0	4.8
<b>San Onofre 2 &amp; 3</b>	California	2,150	2013	18.1	8.0
<b>Kewaunee</b>	Wisconsin	566	2013	4.5	4.4
<b>Vermont Yankee</b>	Vermont	620	2014	4.8	2.4
<b>Fort Calhoun</b>	Nebraska	478	2016	3.5	3.4
<b>Oyster Creek</b>	New Jersey	625	2018	5.4	4.0
<b>Pilgrim</b>	Massachusetts	679	2019	4.4	2.0
<b>Three Mile Island 1</b>	Pennsylvania	803	2019	7.3	5.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,781</b>		<b>55.1</b>	<b>33.9</b>
<b>Duane Arnold</b>	Iowa	601	2020	4.9	4.6
<b>Indian Point 2 &amp; 3</b>	New York	2,057	2020-2021	16.3	7.6
<b>Beaver Valley 1 &amp; 2</b>	Pennsylvania	1,808	2021	14.7	10.1
<b>Palisades</b>	Michigan	804	2022	5.5	4.6
<b>Diablo Canyon 1 &amp; 2</b>	California	2,240	2024-2025	18.2	7.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,510</b>		<b>59.6</b>	<b>34.2</b>

Source: Emissions avoided are calculated using regional and national fossil fuel emissions rates from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** and latest plant generation data from the **U.S. Energy Information Administration**.  
 Updated: September 2019.

# Actions to Preserve the Nuclear Fleet

- Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) Concept
  - New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and others
- Public Information
- Electricity Market Analysis
- Policies
- Collaboration with other energy assets

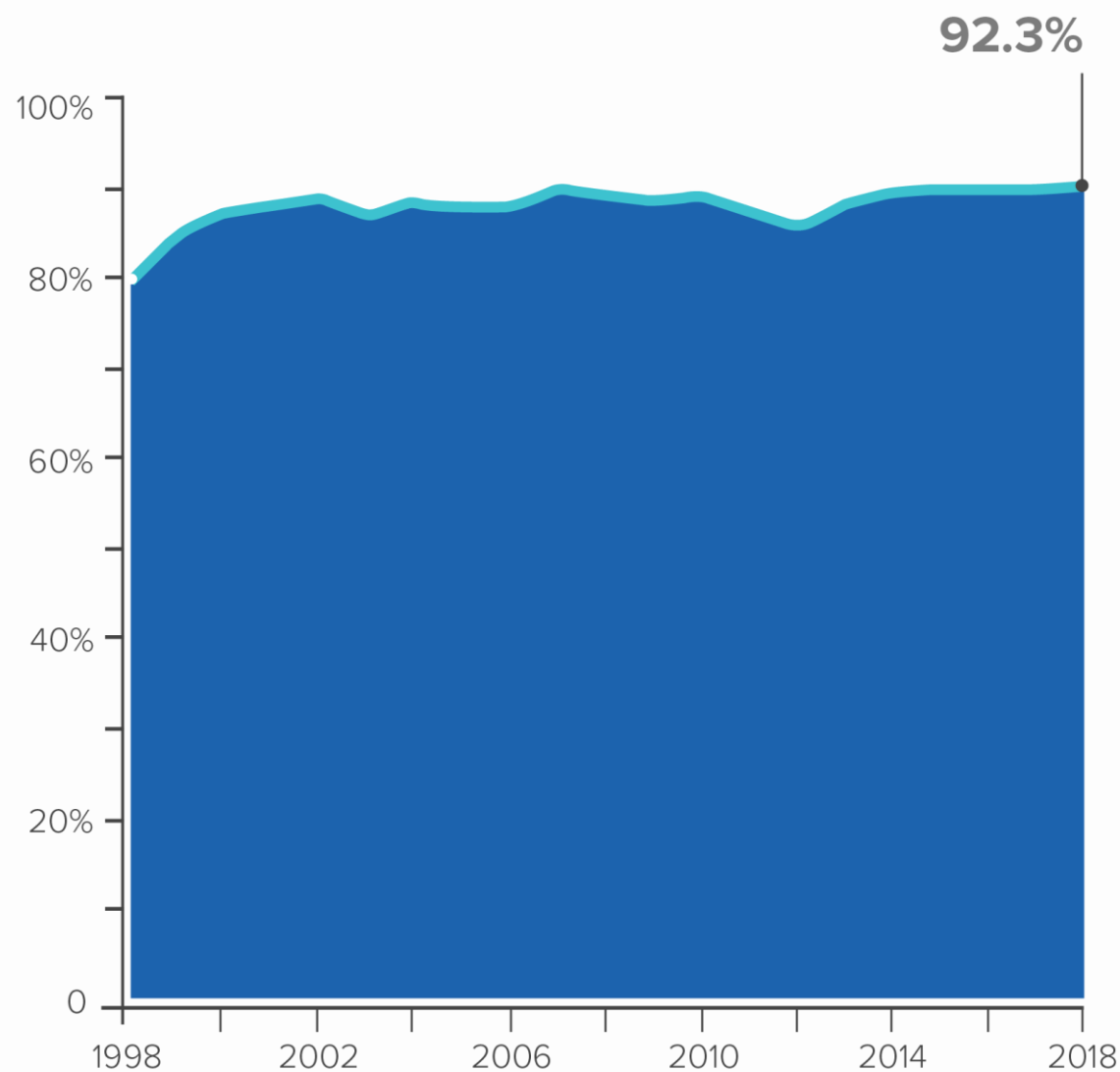
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# More than 9,100 direct jobs saved from State actions

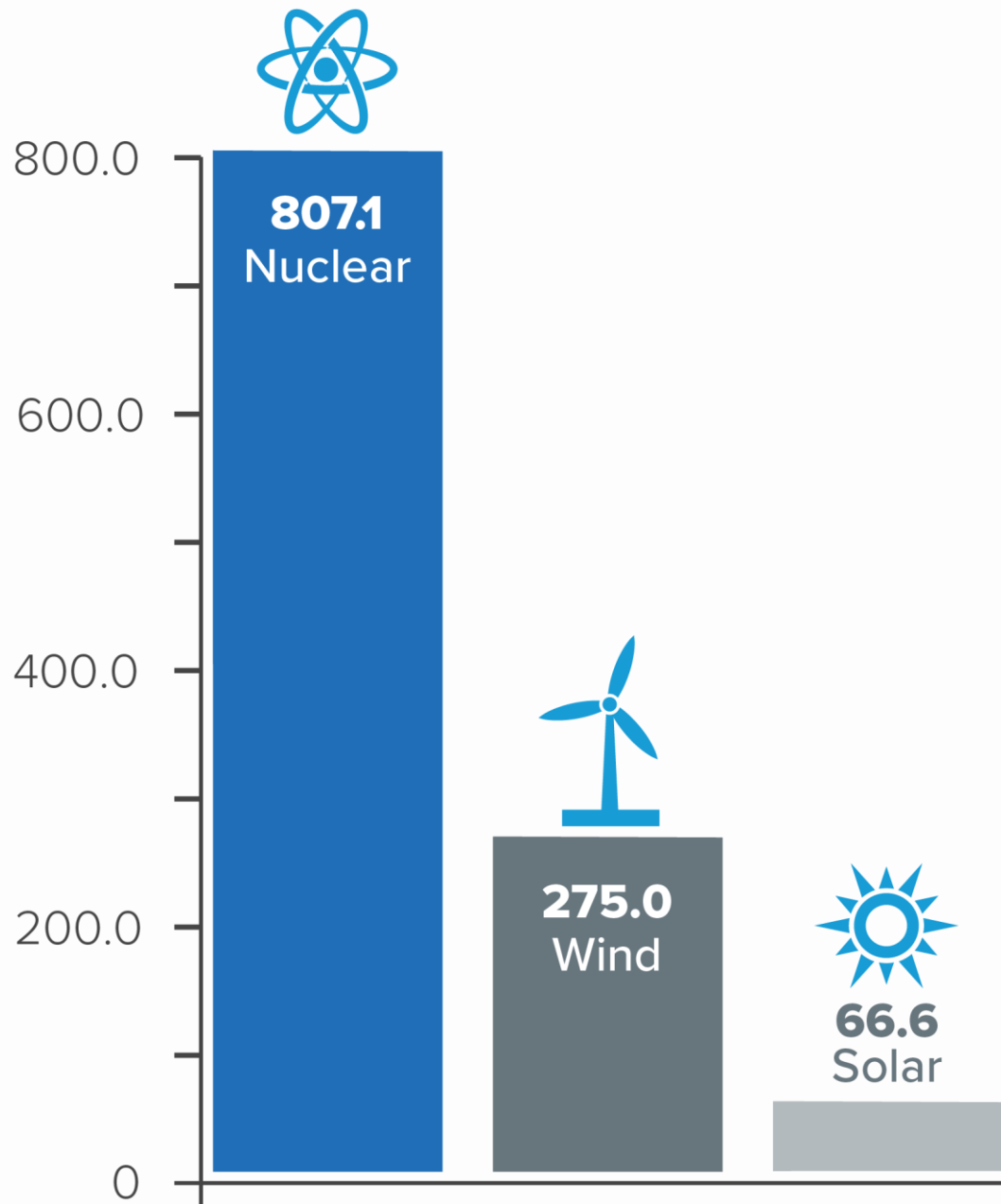
Plant	State	Capacity (MWe)	Projected Closure Year	Electricity Generated (billion kWh in 2018)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Avoided (Million tons per in 2018)
Clinton	Illinois	1,060	2017	8.3	8.1
Davis-Besse	Ohio	894	2020	7.4	5.1
Fitzpatrick	New York	851	2017	6.5	3.1
Ginna	New York	582	2017	4.7	2.2
Hope Creek	New Jersey	1,172	~2020	9.5	6.6
Millstone 2 & 3	Connecticut	2,088	~2020	16.9	7.6
Nine Mile Point 1 & 2	New York	1,916	2017-2018	15.4	7.2
Quad Cities 1 & 2	Illinois	1,819	2018	15.5	10.6
Perry	Ohio	1,240	2020	10.9	7.5
Salem 1 & 2	New Jersey	2,328	~2020-2021	18.9	13.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,950</b>		<b>114.1</b>	<b>70.9</b>

This is nearly **twice** the electricity generation from U.S. utility solar in 2018



# U.S Nuclear Industry Capacity Factors

Average capacity factor of 90% over the last 20 years

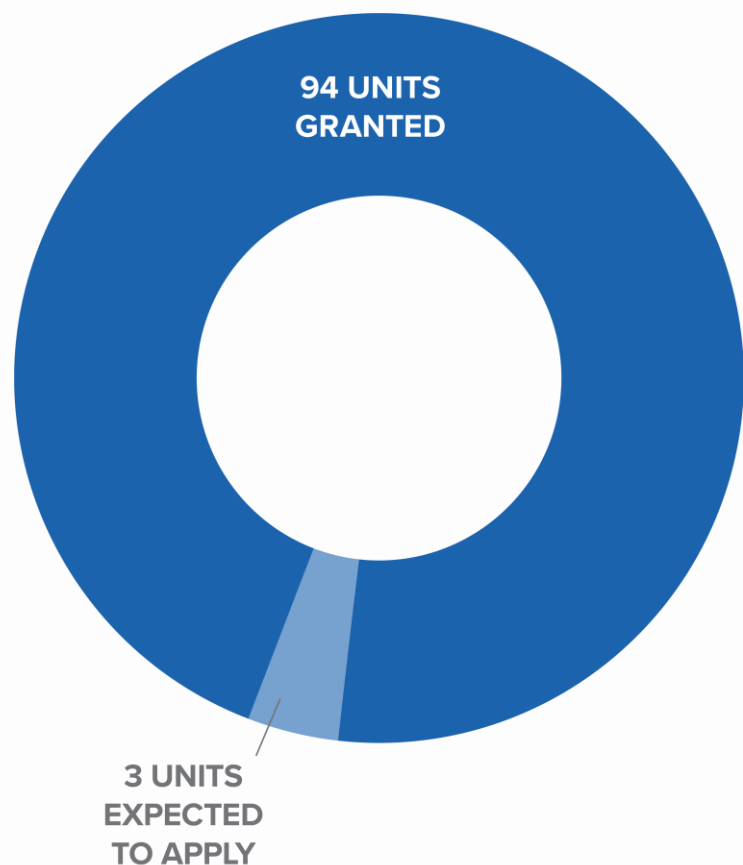


# 2018 U.S. Nuclear Production

In Million MWh

In Comparison With  
Solar and Wind

# Initial License Renewal



# Subsequent License Renewal

Applications submitted for 6 units

- Turkey Point 3 and 4
- Peach Bottom 2 and 3
- Surry 1 and 2

Duke – announced intent to renew all 11 units



A CLEAR CONSENSUS:

# NUCLEAR ENERGY MUST BE PART OF ANY CLIMATE SOLUTION



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# Sensible Energy Policy for the U.S.

- Eight major assets in the U.S. energy portfolio
  - Coal, oil, gas, wind, solar, nuclear, hydro, biomass, geothermal
- Not all energy assets are created equal
- Energy policy based on strengths and weaknesses of each energy asset
  - Not politics and market
- Each energy asset works collaboratively together for the benefit of long term electricity generation for the American people

**Abundant, affordable, resilient, reliable, environmentally friendly energy for the future**

# Questions?

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