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**Dr. Michael Goff, Acting Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy**

**U.S. Department of Energy**

**July 14, 2024**

# STATE of NUCLEAR

94

commercial reactors

18%

of U.S. electricity generation

47%

of U.S. clean power production

475,000

U.S. jobs supported

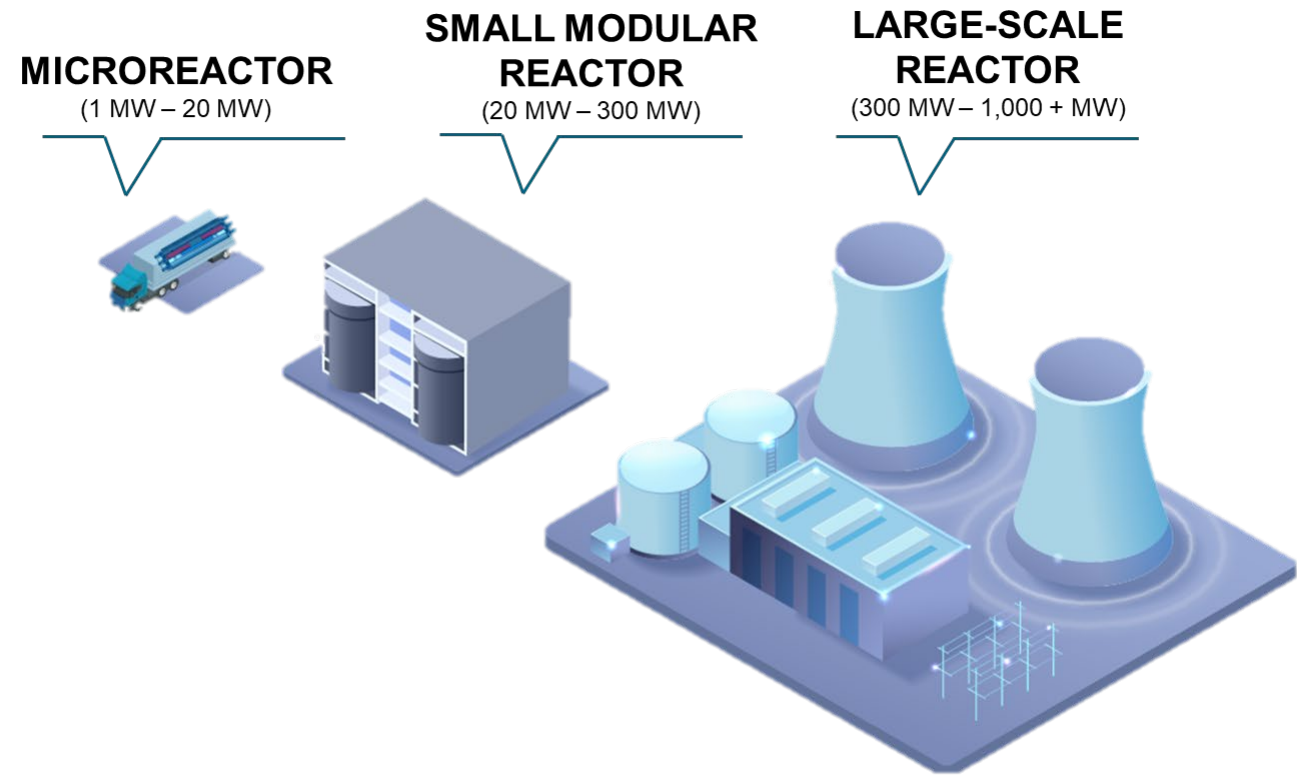
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SMR certified



# Advanced Reactors Provide Flexible Nuclear Options

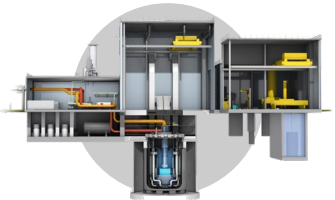
- Flexible deployment options
- Right-sized for community or industrial needs
- Fuel: oxide, metal, TRISO particle, molten salt
- Coolant: water, helium, liquid metal, molten salt, heat-pipe



# Current Department of Energy Projects

## 1 DEMONSTRATION

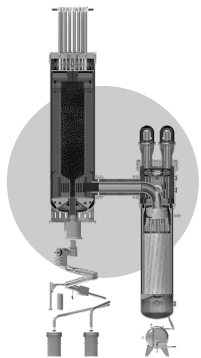
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law –  
Office of Clean Energy  
Demonstrations - \$2.5 B



### Natrium Reactor

Sodium-cooled fast reactor +  
molten salt energy storage system  
TERRAPOWER

Kemmerer, WY



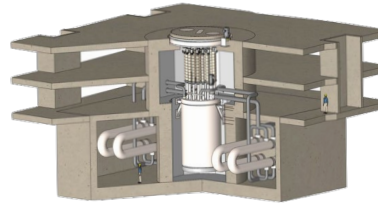
### Xe-100

High-temperature gas reactor  
X-ENERGY

Seadrift, TX

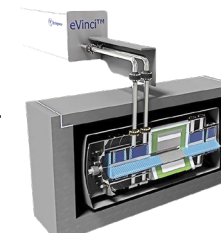
## 2 RISK REDUCTION

Solve technical, operational and regulatory  
challenges to support demos within 10-14  
years



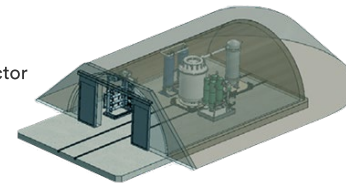
### KP-FHR

Fluoride salt-cooled  
high-temperature reactor  
KAIIROS POWER



### eVinci

Heat pipe-cooled microreactor  
WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR



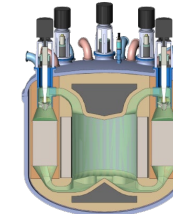
### BWXT Advanced Nuclear Reactor (BANR)

High-temperature gas-cooled  
microreactor  
BWX TECHNOLOGIES



### SMR-160

Advanced light-water  
small modular reactor  
HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL

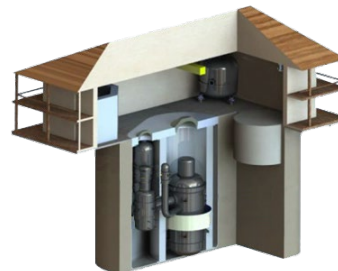


### Molten Chloride Fast Reactor

SOUTHERN COMPANY

## 3 CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Solidify concept to mature technology for  
potential demo in mid-2030s



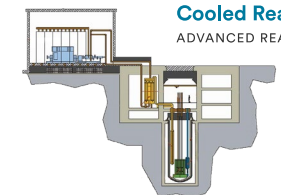
### Fast Modular Reactor

GENERAL ATOMICS



### Horizontal Compact High-Temperature Gas Reactor

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



### Advanced Sodium-Cooled Reactor Facility

ADVANCED REACTOR CONCEPTS



# Current Advanced Nuclear Applications

Advanced Nuclear sector financing applications through 30 June 2024

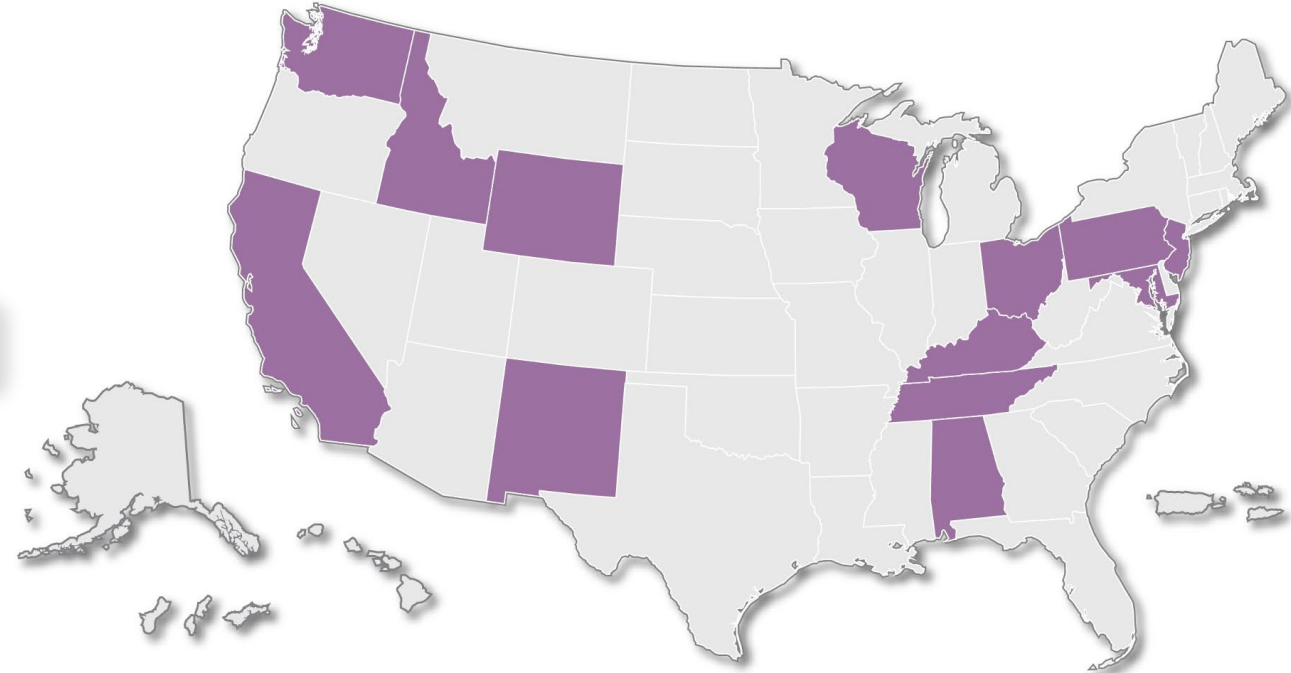
**Through June 30, 2024, \$64.89 B in Advanced Nuclear projects have submitted applications or are expected to submit applications in the next 120 days.**

**Title 17 nuclear applications or projects submitting applications in the next 120 days include:**

**Section 1703: \$12.093 B | Section 1706: \$52.8 B**

**Title 17 can finance a variety of projects across the nuclear supply chain, including:**

- Nuclear reactor supply chain and manufacturing
- Small and micro nuclear reactor deployment
- Large Gen III+ nuclear reactor deployment
- Existing / shuttered nuclear reactor restarts, upgrades, uprates
- Nuclear fuel cycle, including uranium processing and fuel enrichment, and other technologies



#### Notes

All data updated through June 30, 2024. For more details and a list of technology areas of interest within each LPO tech sector, see: [Energy.gov/LPO/MAAR](https://www.energy.gov/LPO/MAAR)

- 1) Proposed project locations are represented by the U.S. state/territory location of the physical facilities or service areas for which LPO financing is being requested, or lacking that, the headquarters state(s) of the sponsor(s).

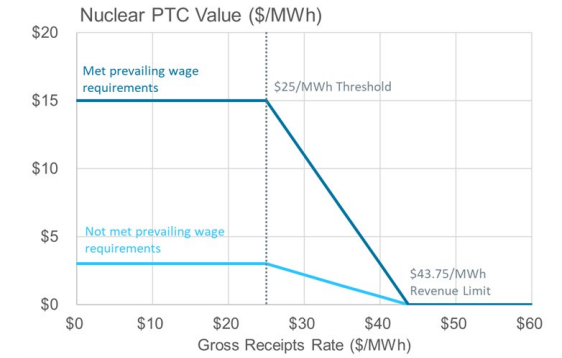
# Highlights of Nuclear Energy-Related IRA Tax Provisions

Administered by the Department of Treasury.

The Department of Energy provides technical assistance to support implementation.

## 45U – Zero Emission Nuclear Power Production Tax Credit (PTC)

- Existing fleet, including uprates
- 2024-3032
- Wage/labor provisions
- Sliding credit based on gross receipts
- Can be monetized



Cents per kWh in the IRA have been converted to dollars per MWh. Calculations beyond 2023 will account for inflation (IRA §45U (c)(1)).

## 45Y – Clean Energy Production Tax Credit (PTC)

- Technology neutral clean energy, placed in service post 2024
- 10 yrs from operation; phases out later of 2032/GHG target reached
- 10% bonus each for domestic content and energy community
- Wage/labor provision
- Can be monetized

## 45E – Clean Energy Investment Tax Credit (ITC)

- Technology neutral, clean energy
- Wage/labor provision
- 10% bonus each for domestic content and energy community
- Can be monetized
- Starts to phase out in 2033

## 48C – Advanced Energy Project Credit

- Manufacturing-focused
- 2024 Award to X-energy for TRISO Fuel Fabrication

## Also – 45 V Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit

**\$1 billion**

in university support

**44** | states, DC, and  
Puerto Rico

U.S.  
universities/  
colleges | **139**

- NE currently manages 10 Funding Opportunity Announcements and Requests for Applications
- 2,568 total awards to universities
- 833 undergraduate scholarships and 435 fellowships totaling more than \$73 million
  - => 92% of our concluded graduate fellows are now employed in nuclear energy-related fields
- More than \$25 million to minority-serving institutions (MSIs) over the last 3 years and looking to engage further
- 2,400+ students supported by Nuclear Energy University Programs (NEUP) R&D

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# The Value of Nuclear in a Clean Energy Future

Chris Nolan, vice president, New Nuclear  
Generation Strategy & Regulatory Engagement

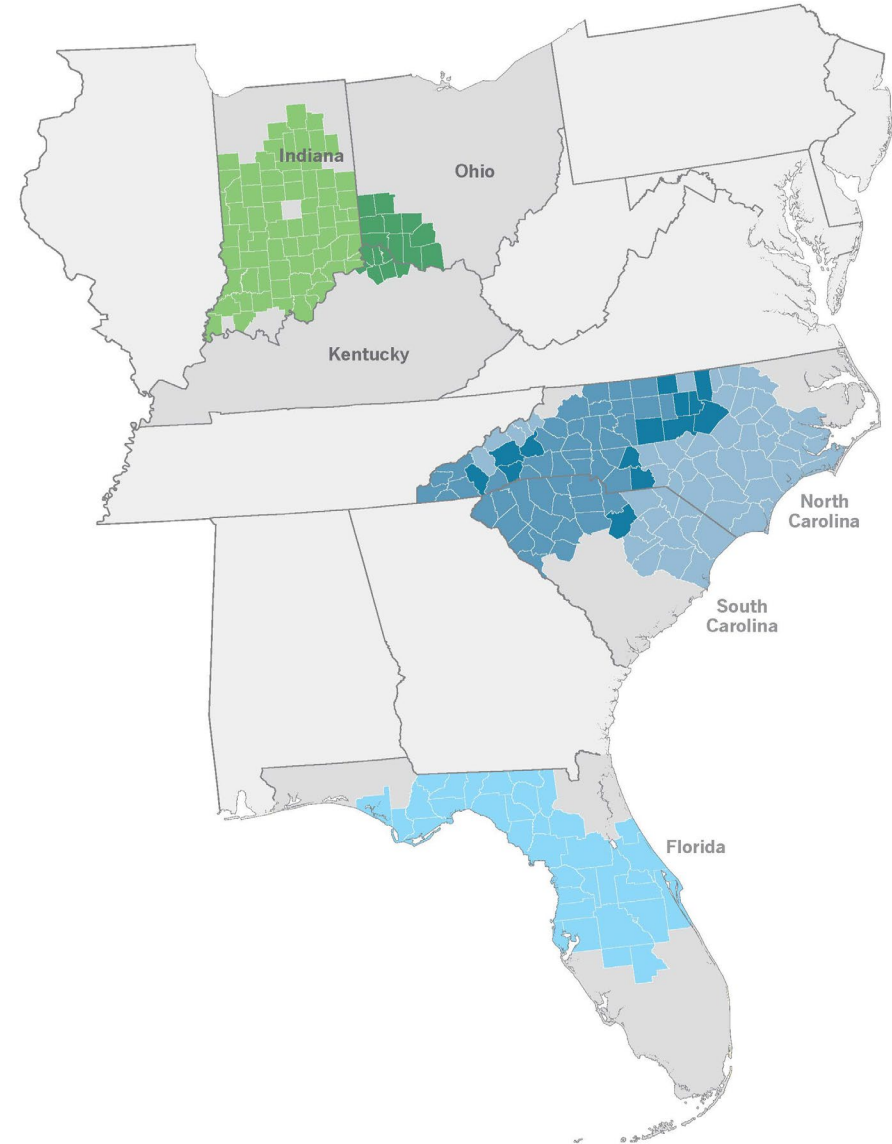
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BUILDING A SMARTER ENERGY FUTURE®

# Duke Energy Overview

- 8.4 million customers
- Carolinas, Florida, Midwest
- Energy capacity: 54,800 MW
- 27,600 employees
- Clean energy transition
  - 2030: 50% reduction in carbon emissions
  - 2050: Net-zero carbon emissions
- “All of the above” new generation strategy
- Balancing reliability, affordability and environmental sustainability



# THREE NUCLEAR STRATEGIES FOR A CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION



- **TODAY**, continue safe, reliable, innovative and efficient operations
- **TOMORROW**, renew current operating licenses and produce more energy by upgrading components and gaining efficiencies
- For the **FUTURE**, invest in new nuclear technologies and build advanced nuclear plants

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Nuclear generation is the only carbon-free energy source that is always on and available 24 hours a day, complementing renewables like solar and wind power.

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# The Value of Nuclear

2023

THE NUMBERS BEHIND  
DUKE ENERGY NUCLEAR

## Nuclear Energy for a Carbon-Free Future

 **11**  
UNITS

 **6**  
LOCATIONS

**95.8%**  
ON & OPERATING  
(CAPACITY FACTOR) 

  
**\$264M**  
IN TAXES IN 2023

AVOIDED RELEASE OF  
**47** APPROXIMATELY  
MILLION  
TONS  
OF CO<sub>2</sub>

POWER  
TO OVER **8 million**  
 homes

Nearly  
**11,000**   
Megawatt Generation Capacity



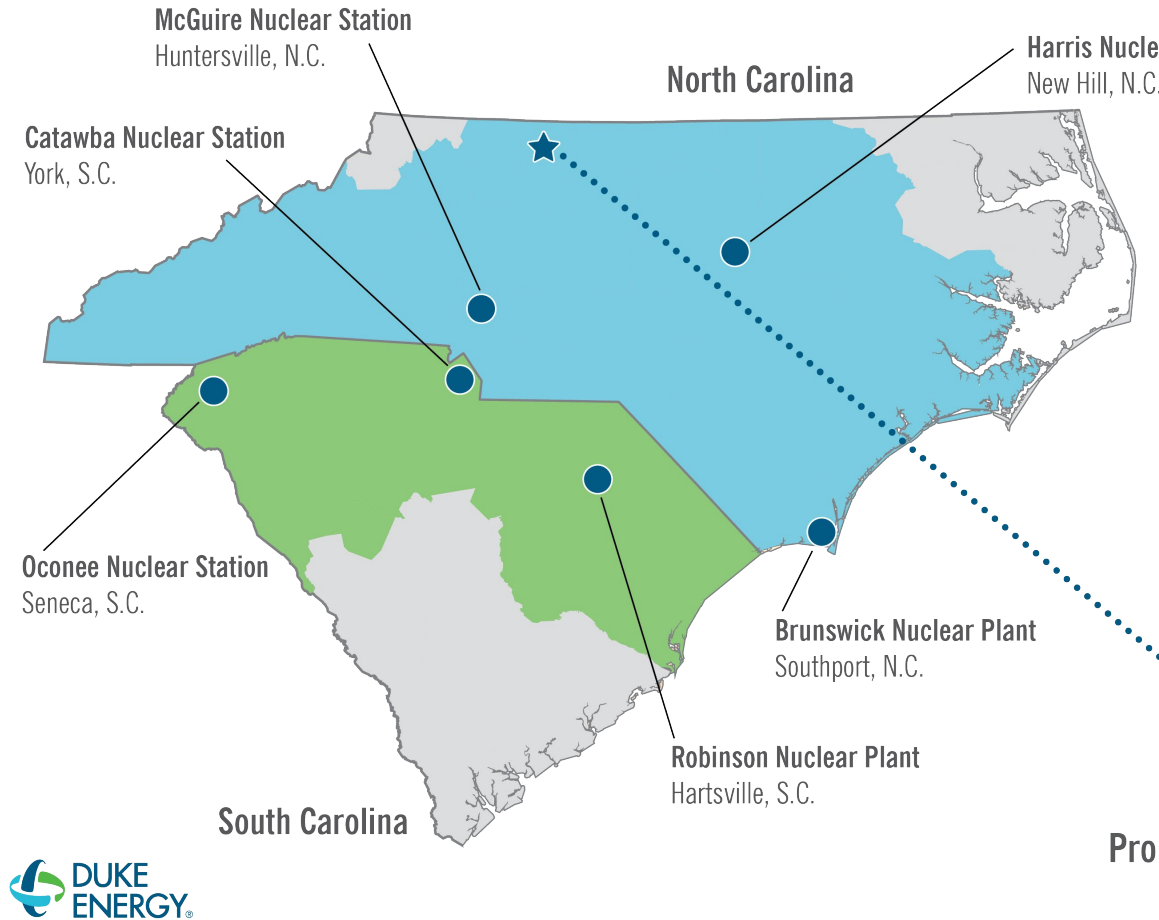
**25**   
Consecutive Years  
with **≥ 90%**  
CAPACITY FACTOR

Nearly   
**4,400**  
employees



# Nuclear Empowers Us Today, Tomorrow and for the Future

## Duke Energy



Proposed advanced nuclear site near Belews Creek Steam Station  
Stokes County, N.C.

# Proposed Accelerating Clean Energy Tariffs



## Memorandum of Understanding

- Amazon
- Google
- Microsoft
- Nucor



## Accelerating Clean Energy Tariffs

- Proposes new, voluntary pricing structures
- Encourages early commitments
- Addresses project risk, lowers costs
- Allows large customers to directly support investment in carbon-free energy



## Large Customer Benefits

- On-site generation at their facilities
- Load flexibility programs
- Investments in large-scale clean energy assets



## Duke Energy Benefits

- Clean Transition Tariff
  - Provides individualized carbon-free portfolios
  - Matches clean energy and customer load to accelerate grid decarbonization
  - Allows large customers to advance their clean energy goals
  - Protects nonparticipating customers

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# Google's energy journey

In 2010



**Google Signs First Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)**

Begin buying renewable energy

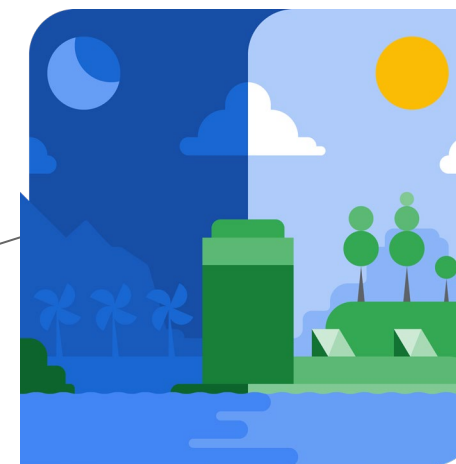
Since 2017



**100% Renewable Energy**

Reducing emissions

By 2030



**24/7 Carbon-Free Energy**

Eliminating electricity emissions

**Net-Zero Emissions**

Across all operations and value chain

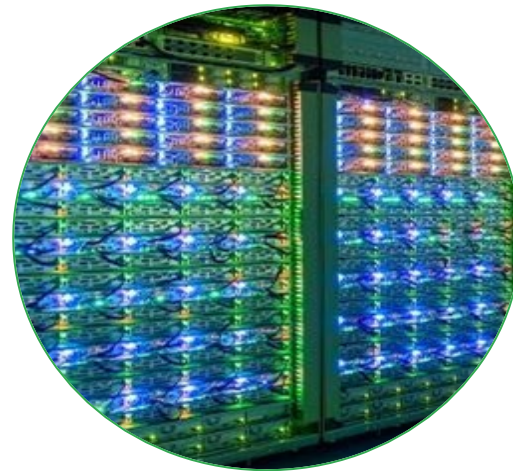


# Google's Approach 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy



## Purchasing

Buy more and different types  
of clean energy deployed  
locally



## Technology

Accelerate technology innovation



## Policy

Advocating for policy changes  
to decarbonize electricity grids





# Our modeling shows that advanced technologies can significantly reduce 24/7 CFE costs and risks

## Key insights from our modeling:

1. Advanced CFE technologies are essential to reducing costs of 24/7 CFE portfolios
1. They can reduce market risks in clean energy portfolios, in particular shape risk and cannibalization risk
1. Some regions cannot reach high CFE concentrations without advanced technologies (e.g. poor RE resources, land use restrictions).



The inclusion of advanced technologies reduces the cost of achieving 90% hourly CFE across global portfolio by 40%.

## Advanced Clean Electricity Technologies RFI

- RFI announced in March 2024 for advanced clean electricity technologies in the US
- Over 200 RFI submissions received across many different technologies
- Intention to sign contracts in Q1 of 2025
- More information: [advancedcleanelectricity.com](https://advancedcleanelectricity.com)

Google, Microsoft, and Nucor announce a new initiative to aggregate demand to scale the adoption of advanced clean electricity technologies (March 18, 2024)



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