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ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell to present at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Meeting on Thursday, June 27

WASHINGTON, DC -- On Thursday, June 27, ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell will present at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) [stakeholder meeting](#) on regulatory improvements for advanced nuclear reactors designs. Congress has asked the NRC to initiate a “Generic Environmental Impact Study” (GEIS) for advanced nuclear technology such as small modular reactors or microreactors. Powell will reiterate in his Thursday presentation.

“Unless we update the process, small modular reactors and microreactors would be subject to the same environmental impact study as a traditional reactor,” **ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell said.** “The first American advanced reactor design could clear NRC licensing within two years, and our regulatory process needs to be up to speed.”

Today, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman, John Barrasso (R-WY) along with Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) sent a letter urging the NRC to develop a GEIS for the construction and operation of advanced nuclear reactor technologies.

“Preserving and expanding the use of nuclear energy is necessary to address climate change,” **the Senators wrote.** “Advanced nuclear reactor designs are expected to be safer, more efficient, and less costly compared to current nuclear power plant designs.”

[Click here to read Chairman Barrasso and Sen. Braun’s letter to NRC.](#)

For a link to access the NRC meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2019, please contact bolar@clearpath.org.

About ClearPath

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