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NATIONAL REACTOR INNOVATION CENTER LAUNCHED

WASHINGTON, DC -- ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell made the following statement supporting the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) announcement that the National Reactor Innovation Center is now officially launched at the Idaho National Laboratory.

"The U.S. is on the verge of commercializing groundbreaking nuclear innovation, and we must keep advancing the public-private partnerships needed to traverse the dreaded valley of death that all too often stifles progress," ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell said. "The National Reactor Innovation Center will enable private sector nuclear innovators to access the best of public sector expertise, facilities, and resources to pilot the next-generation of clean and reliable nuclear technologies."

In 2018, Congress passed the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act, which strengthens partnerships between the private sector and government researchers. The bill also directed the Department of Energy to prioritize partnering with private innovators to test and demonstrate advanced nuclear reactor concepts and create the NRIC combining the technical expertise at our world-leading national labs and DOE to spark the construction of demonstration reactors.

About ClearPath

ClearPath was established by businessman Jay Faison in 2014. ClearPath vision is that America leads in affordably powering the world with reliable clean energy. ClearPath mission is to develop and advance conservative policies that accelerate clean energy innovation. To advance that mission, ClearPath Action develops cutting-edge policy and collaborates with academics and industry. Learn more at clearpath.org. Follow us on Twitter: [@JayFaison1](https://twitter.com/JayFaison1), [@powellrich](https://twitter.com/powellrich), [@ClearPathAction](https://twitter.com/ClearPathAction).