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## **CLEARPATH STATEMENT ON RITA BARANWAL'S CONFIRMATION**

WASHINGTON, JUNE 20, 2019 -- ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell issued the following statement on the confirmation of Rita Baranwal to head the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy:

"Rita has an extensive background in both the private sector and at the national labs and she will be able to start right away on achieving the president's comprehensive nuclear energy policy review. Her background includes spearheading DOE's GAIN initiative, which works to make the department and national labs much more accessible to advanced nuclear companies," Powell said.

Baranwal's extensive and senior nuclear policy experience includes as director of the Gateway for Acceleration Innovation in Nuclear effort housed at Idaho National Laboratory since August 2016. She was previously director of technology development and core engineering/nuclear fuel at Westinghouse Electric and a manager at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory.

Her confirmation is welcome news to the U.S. nuclear sector, the country's most reliable clean and zero-emission power source.

Energy Secretary Rick Perry appointed ClearPath Founder Jay Faison to the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, which will offer advice and recommendations on scientific, commercial, technical and programmatic issues to DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy.

### **About ClearPath**

ClearPath (501(c)(3)) was established by businessman Jay Faison in 2014. ClearPath's vision is that America leads in affordably powering the world with reliable clean energy. ClearPath's mission is to develop and advance conservative policies that accelerate clean energy innovation. To advance that mission, ClearPath develops cutting-edge policy and collaborates with academics and industry. Learn more at [clearpath.org](http://clearpath.org). Follow us on Twitter: @JayFaison1, @powellrich, @ClearPathAction