

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative

4345 Trolley Line Road, Aiken SC 29801

December 15, 2025

1 – 4 p.m.

Call to Order

Rick Lee, Chair (20 minutes)

- Call to Order and Approve Minutes
- New Members: Rodney Whitley, Dr. Brian Powell, and Laura Basta
- GNAC Organization and Energy Bill obligations
- VC Summer update and letter
- AGNS Report

Energy Generation Infrastructure Challenges

Dr. David Gattie
Assoc. Prof – Engineering
University of Georgia
(40 minutes)

- Status of current power generation fleet
- Competition from other world powers
- Impact of non-thermal power generation
- Outlook for future American industrial power

DOE -Savannah River EM Update

Edwin Deshong
Manager DOE-SR
(15 minutes)

- Advance Manufacturing Collaborative Tour
- Nuclear Materials Program Update
(H canyon and others) blending/reprocessing

NNSA AI Data Center Initiative

Michael Mikolanis
NNSA Field Office Manager
(15 minutes)

- Description of Federal RFP
- Schedule, Executive Order
- Electric Power Availability
- Sites for AI centers and criteria for them

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Update

Dr. Jeff Griffin
President and CEO SRNS
(30 minutes)

- Plutonium disposition project, schedule, cost
- SRPPF Pit Production update, status CD2/3,
cost & schedule current vs original
- Operational updates – including Tritium

SRS Community Reuse Organization

Robert F. Bennett, MPA, CEcD
President & CEO (15 minutes)

- Brief Overview of the SRSCRO
- Impact of the SRSCRO Workforce & Education Initiatives
- Opportunities in Nuclear around SRS and the South Carolina
- Save the Date – ECA New Nuclear Forum coming to our region in [April 2026](#)

Savannah River Mission Completion

Tom Burns, SRMC President and
Program Manager
(30 Minutes at 1530)

- Operational Update, Outage update
- Funding shortfalls and impact to schedule
- Recent Milestone Accomplishments

Public Comments

3-minute presentations

Closing

Rick Lee – Chair