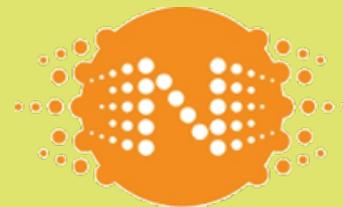


# Overview Of New Nuclear Technologies

September 25, 2014

Joint Select Task Force on  
Nuclear Energy



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# Nuclear Technologies

- Large Light Water Reactors :
  - AP-1000
    - 2 licensees with Combined Licenses (COL) under construction:
      - Vogtle Units 3 and 4
      - V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3
    - Planned (COL application active with NRC) for Progress Energy Florida (Levy County Units 1 and 2), Florida Power and Light (Turkey Point Units 6 and 7) and Duke Energy (William States Lee III, Units 1 and 2)
  - Watts Bar Unit 2 Reactivation (Westinghouse PWR)
  - ESBWR Design Certified by NRC last week
    - Planned (COL application active with NRC) for Dominion Virginia Power (N. Anna, Unit 3) and Detroit Edison Co. (Fermi, Unit 3)
  - U.S. EPR
    - Planned (COL application active with NRC) for PPL Bell Bend (No activity before 2015), Calvert Cliffs Unit 3

# Nuclear Technologies

- Small Modular (Light Water) Reactors (SMRs) :
  - NuScale: 50MWe/module, 12 modules per site
  - Generation mPower: 180MWe/unit, typically 2 units per site
  - Holtec: 160MWe
  - Westinghouse: 225MWe
- TerraPower Gen IV Travelling Wave Reactor
  - Projected commercialization late 2020's
- Many other designs exist in varying stages of development and activity.

# NuScale Power History

- NuScale first of current US SMRs to begin design of commercial NPP.
- NuScale technology in development and design since 2000 (DOE) MASLWR program, lessons from AP1000 ¼-scale testing
- Electrically-heated 1/3-scale Integral test facility first operational in 2003
- Began NRC design certification (DC) pre-application project in April 2008
- ~380 FTE's currently on project, ~\$230MM spent project life-to-date
- Twelve-reactor simulated control room operational in May 2012 for Human Factors Engineering development
- DOE announces FOA win in 2013



*NuScale Engineering Offices Corvallis*



*One-third scale Test Facility*



*NuScale Control Room Simulator*

# FLUOR® - an American Company

- Acquired majority interest in NuScale in October 2011
- One of the world's leading publicly traded engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance, and project management companies
- #109 in the FORTUNE 500 in 2014
- More than 1,000 projects annually, serving more than 600 clients in 66 countries
- More than 43,000 employees worldwide
- Offices in more than 28 countries on 6 continents
- Over 100 years of experience



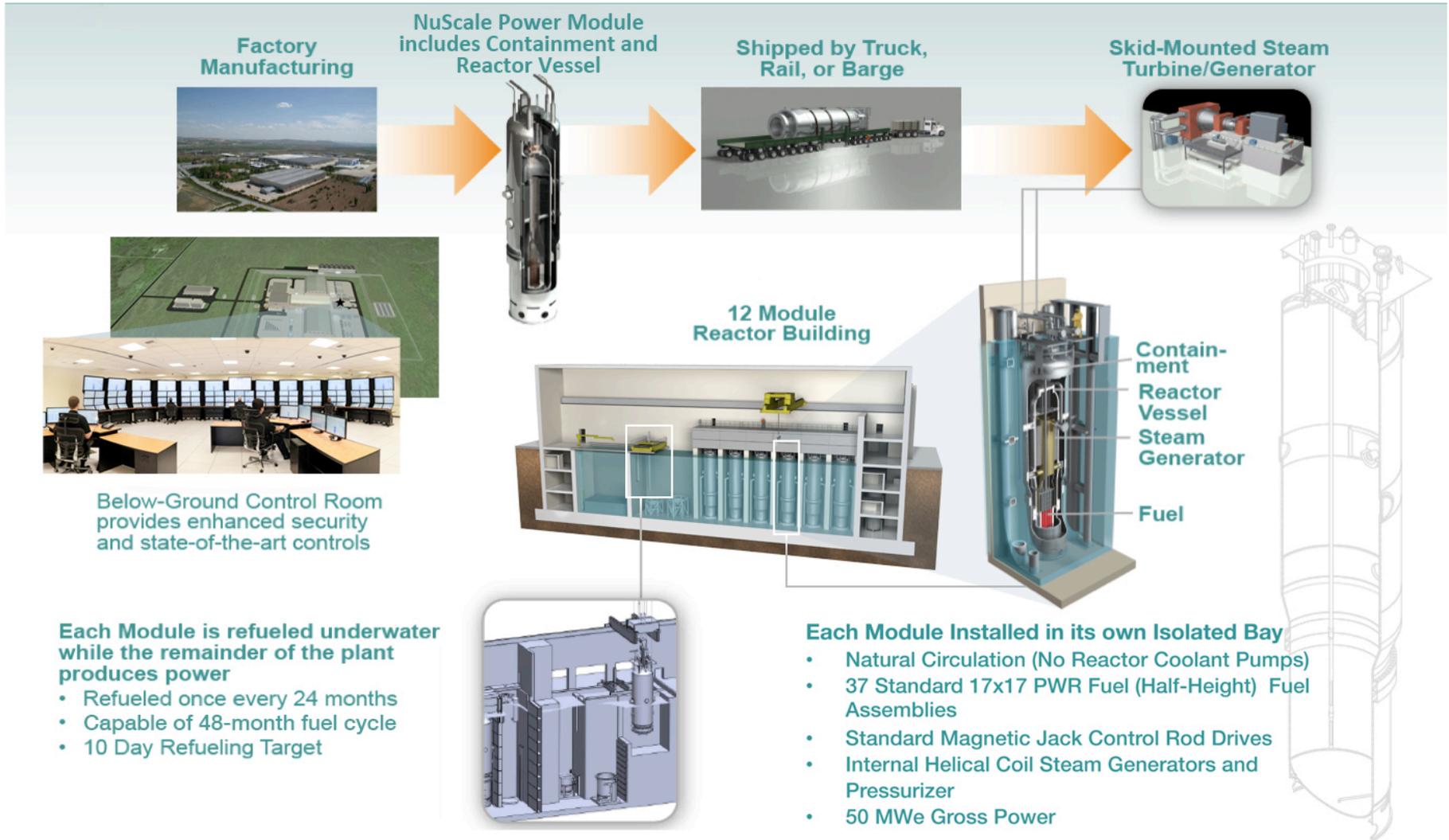
Fluor Corporate Headquarters  
Dallas, Texas

Revenue	\$27.4 billion
New awards	\$25.1 billion
Backlog	\$34.9 billion

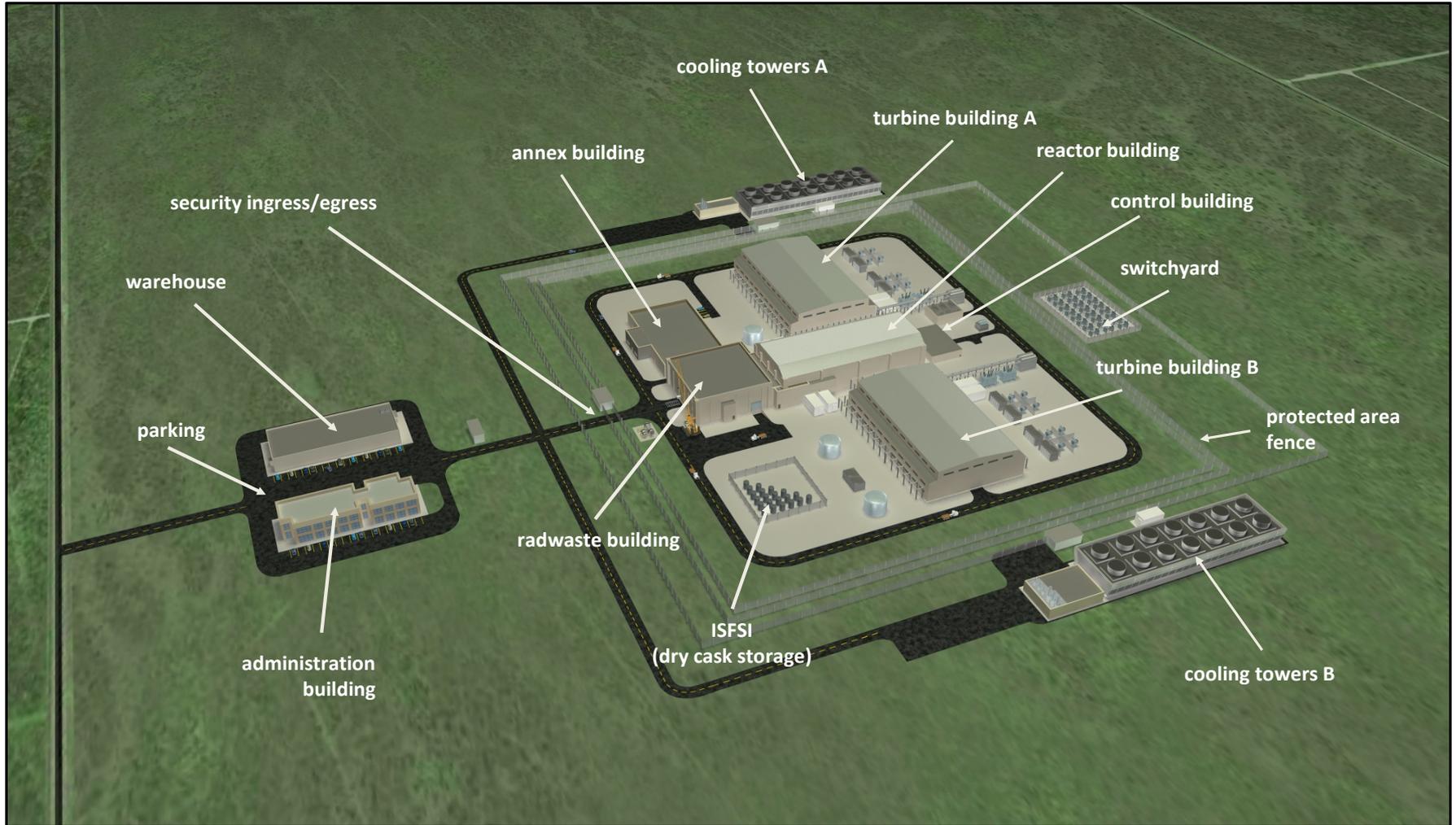
#### Investment Grade Credit Ratings:

S&P	A-
Moody's	A3
Fitch	A-

# Plant Design Overview

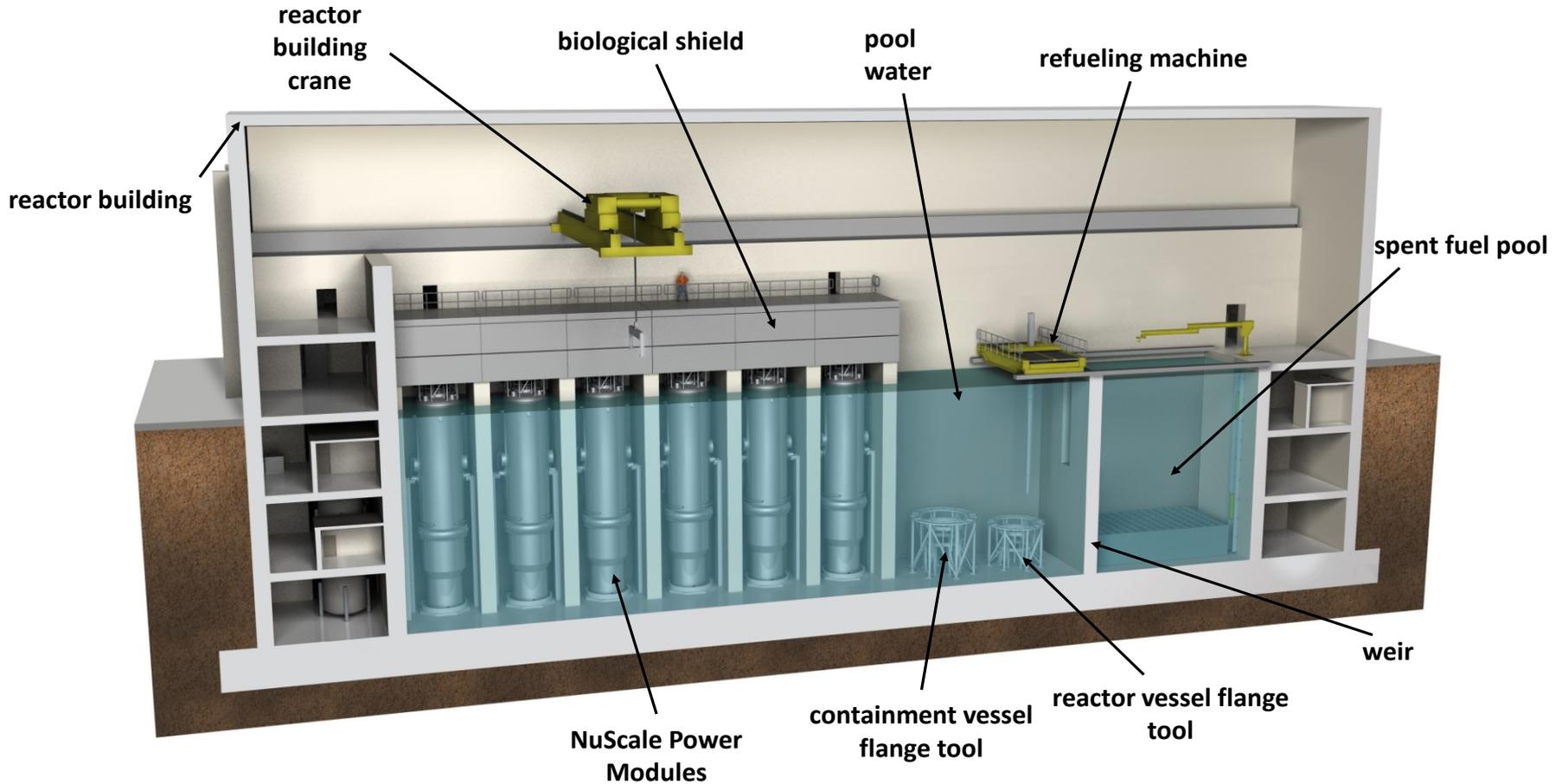


# Site Aerial View

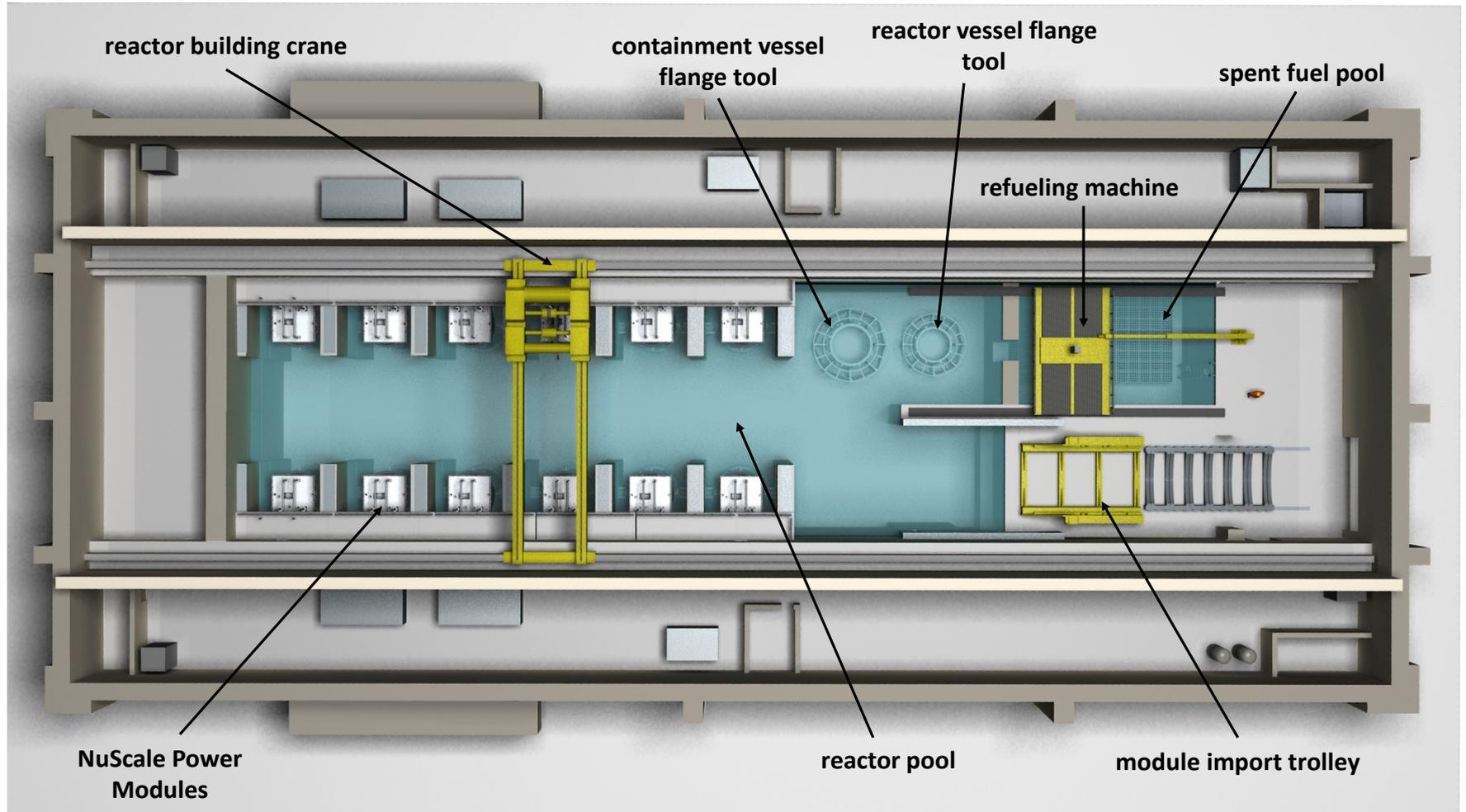


# Reactor Building Cross-Section

Reactor building houses reactor modules, spent fuel pool, and reactor pool



# Reactor Building Overhead View



# Basic Plant Parameters

Overall Plant	
• Net electrical output	Up to 570 MWe (nominal)
• Plant thermal efficiency	> 30%
• Number of power generation units	Up to 12
• Nominal plant capacity factor	> 95%
• Total plant area	~44 acres
Power Generation Unit	
• Number of reactors	One
• Gross electrical output	50 MWe
• Steam generator number	Two independent tube bundles (50% capacity each)
• Steam generator type	Vertical helical coil tube (secondary coolant boils inside tube)
• Steam cycle	Superheated
• Turbine throttle conditions	3.3 MPa (475 psia)
• Steam flow	67.5 kg/s (536,200 lb/hr)
• Feedwater temperature	149° C (300 °F)
Reactor Core	
• Thermal power rating	160 MWth (gross)
• Operating pressure	12.7 MPa (1850 psia)
• Fuel design	UO <sub>2</sub> (< 4.95% U <sup>235</sup> enrichment); 37 half height 17x17 geometry lattice fuel assemblies; Zircaloy-4 or advanced cladding material; negative reactivity coefficients
• Refueling interval	24 months

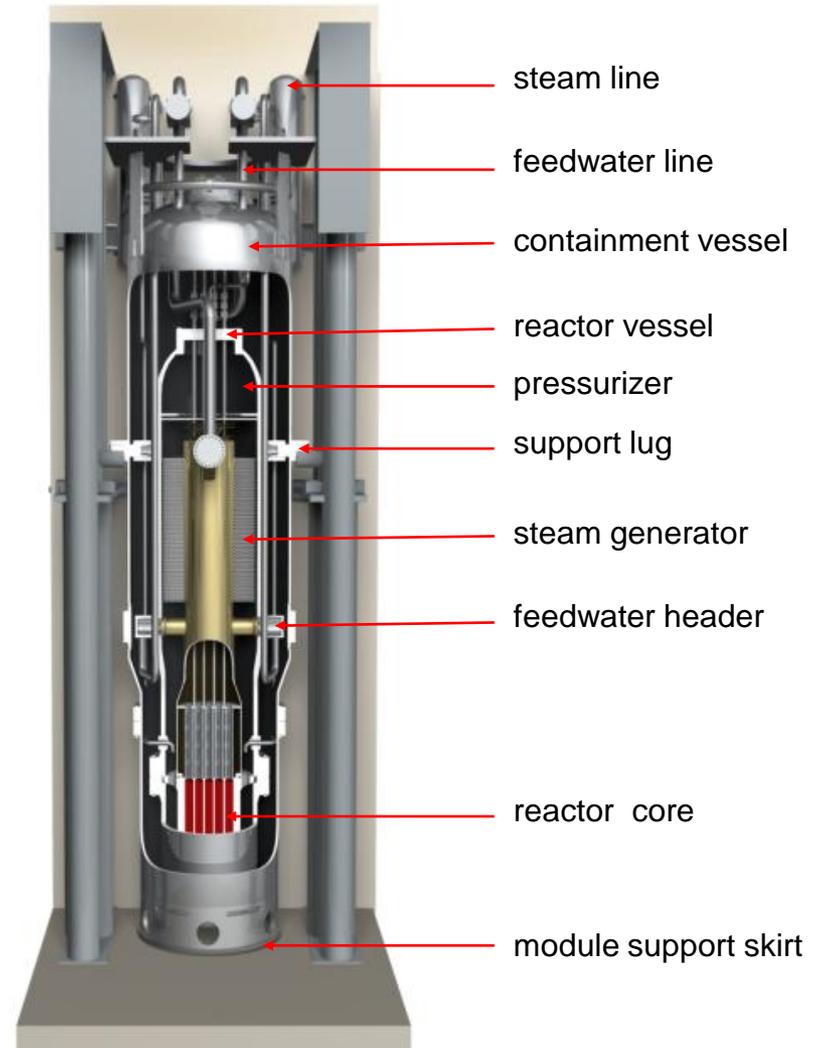
# Reactor Module Overview

## Natural convection for cooling

- passively safe, driven by gravity, natural circulation of water over the fuel
- no safety-related pumps, no need for emergency generators

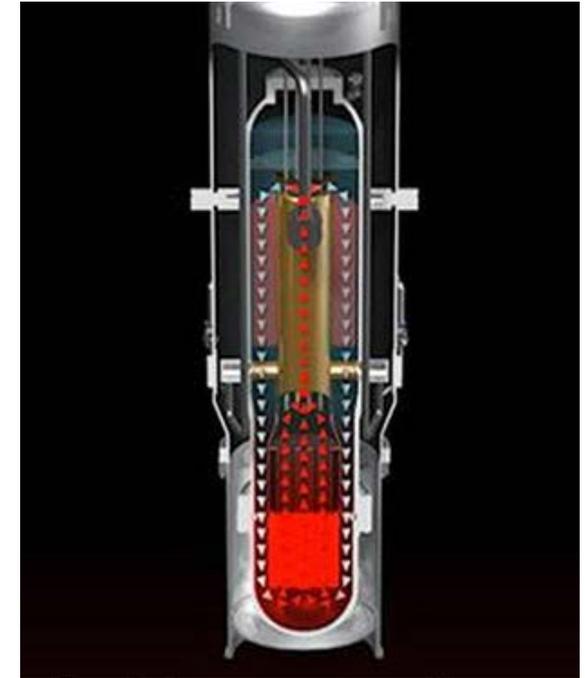
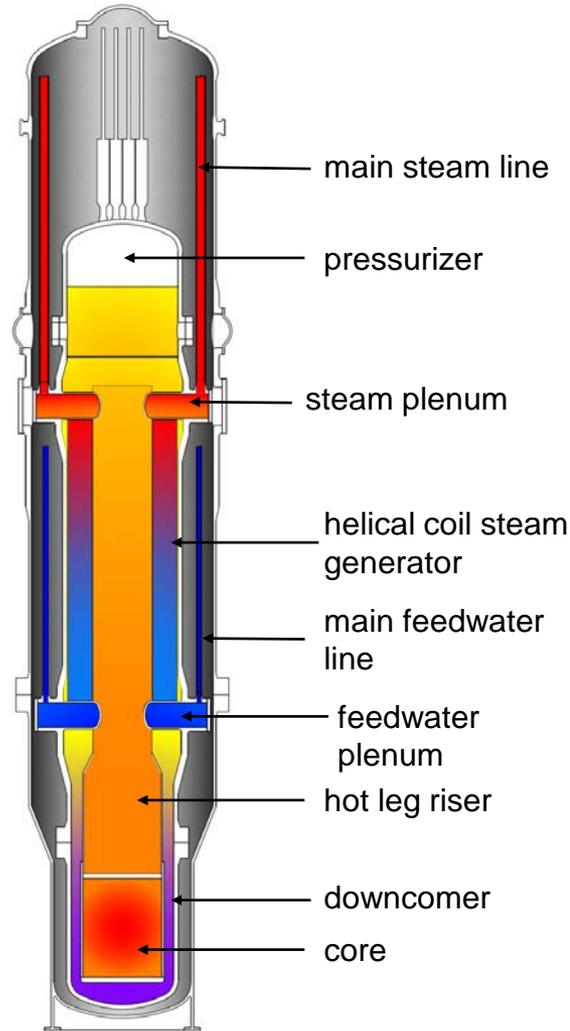
## Simple and small

- reactor is 1/20<sup>th</sup> the size of large reactors
- integrated reactor design, no large-break loss-of-coolant accidents



# Module Normal Operation

- Primary side
  - natural circulation
  - integral pressurizer
- Secondary side
  - feedwater plenums
  - two helical steam generators
  - steam plenums

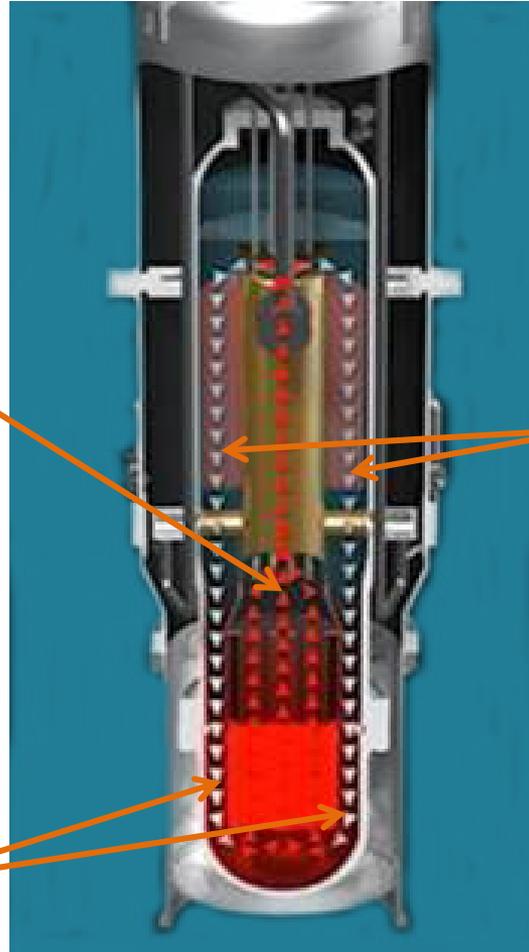


primary coolant flow path

# Coolant Flow Driven by Physics

**Convection**—energy from the nuclear reaction heats the primary reactor coolant causing it to rise by convection and natural buoyancy through the riser, much like a chimney effect

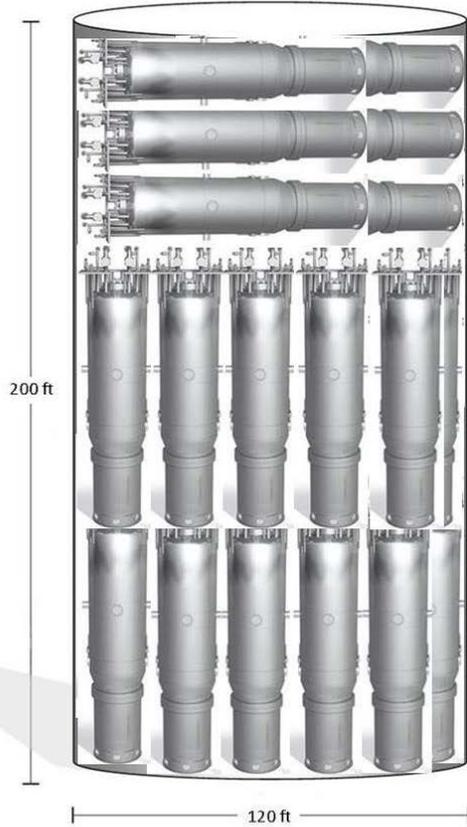
**Gravity**—colder (denser) primary coolant “falls” to bottom of reactor pressure vessel, cycle continues



**Conduction**—heat is transferred from the primary coolant through the walls of the tubes in the steam generator, heating the water (secondary coolant) inside them to turn it to steam

# Size Comparison

126 NuScale Power Modules

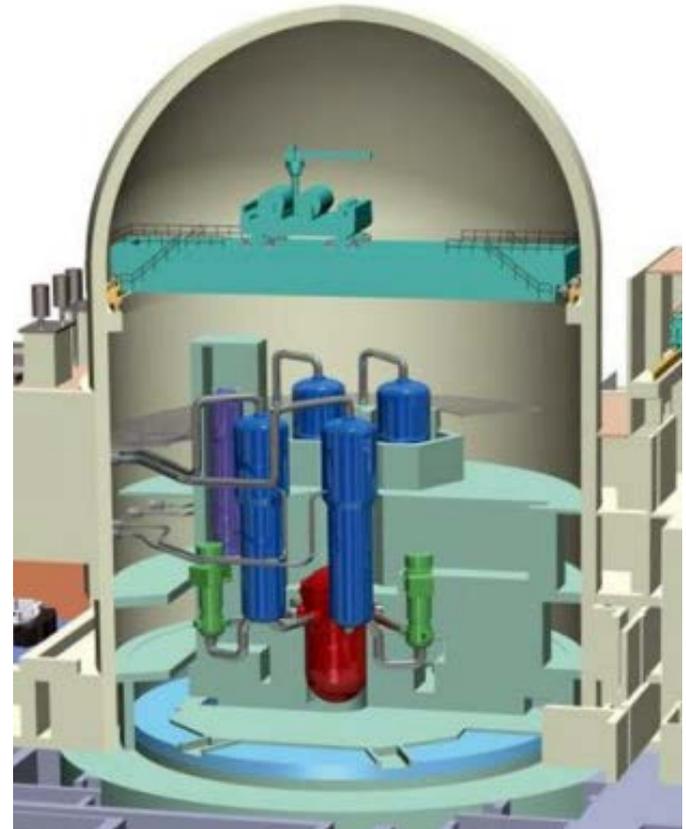


Containment

NuScale's combined  
containment vessel  
and reactor system

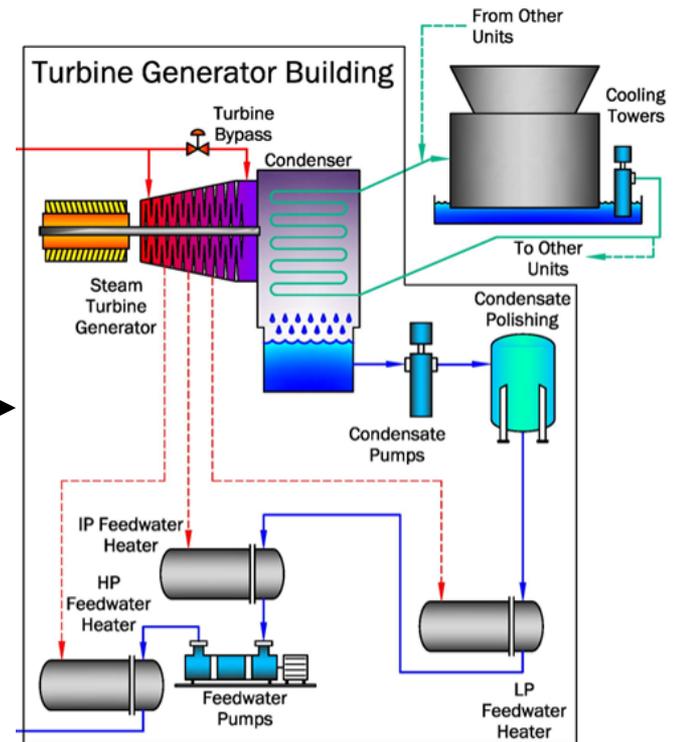
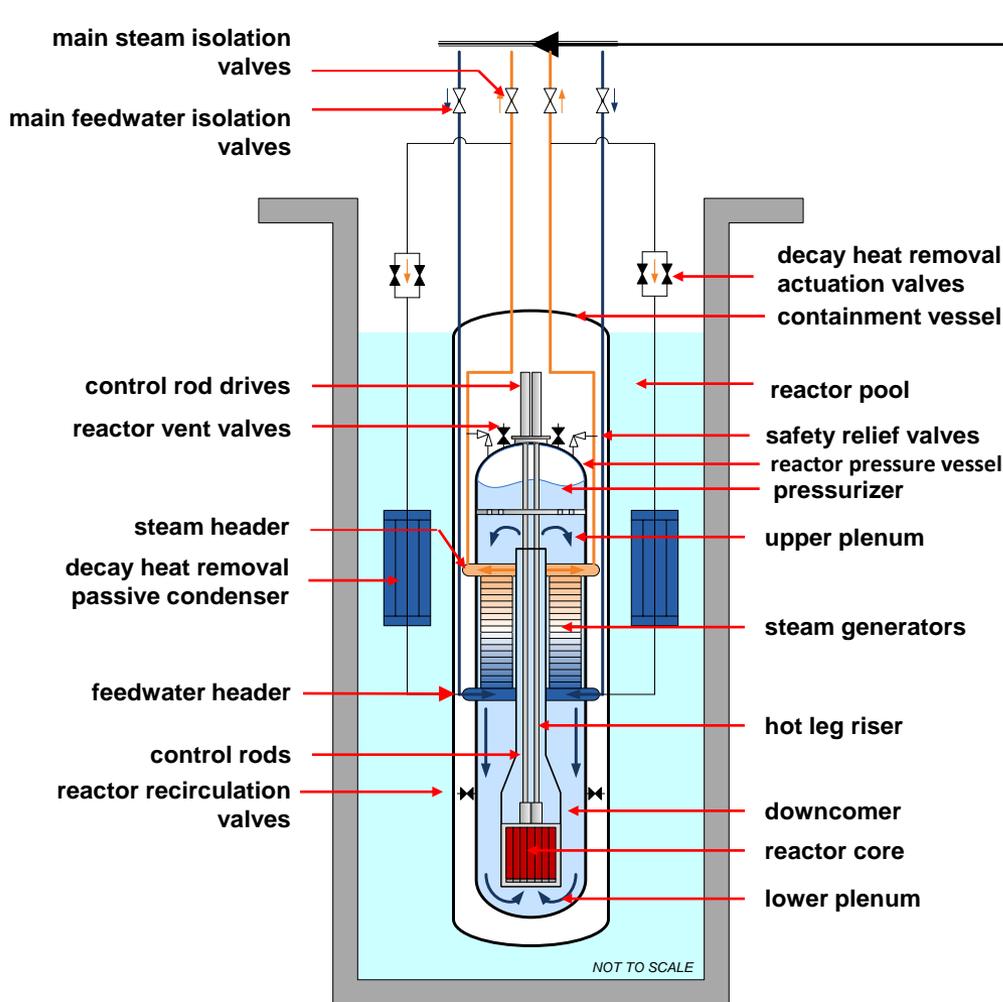


Typical Pressurized-Water Reactor



\*Source: NRC

# NuScale Power Train

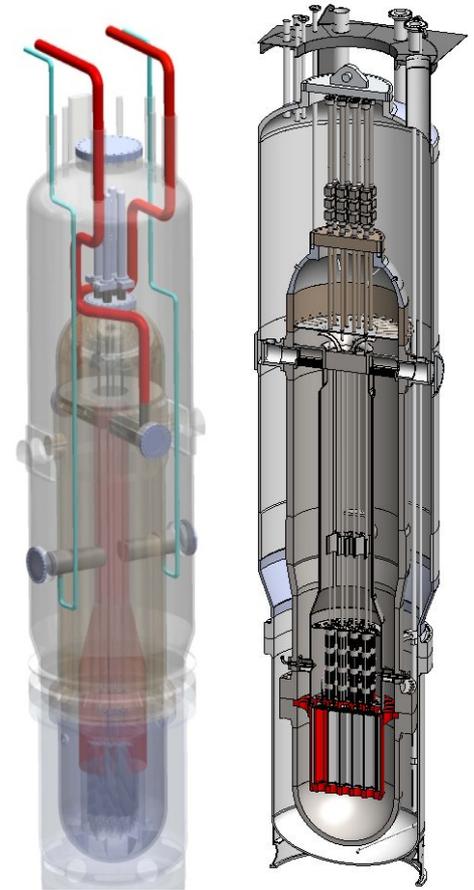


- Each reactor module feeds one turbine-generator (T-G) train eliminating single-shaft risk
- Small, simple components support short simple refueling outages

# Containment Design

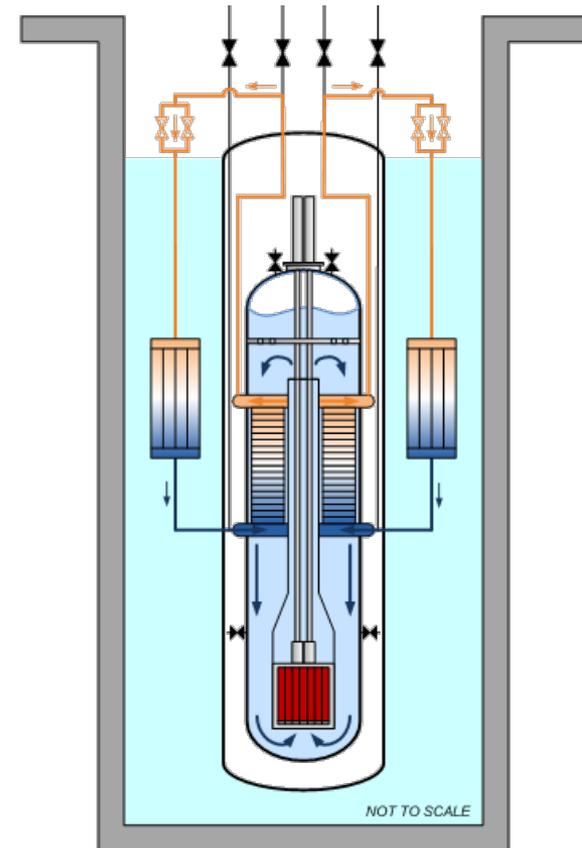
## Evacuated Containment—Enhanced Safety

- Containment volume sized so that core does not uncover following a LOCA
- Large reactor pool keeps containment shell cool and promotes efficient post-LOCA steam condensation
- Insulating vacuum
  - significantly reduces conduction and convection heat transfer during normal operation
  - eliminates requirement for insulation on the reactor vessel, therefore, no sump screen blockage issue (GSI-191)
  - improves LOCA steam condensation rates by eliminating air
  - prevents combustible hydrogen mixture in the unlikely event of a severe accident (i.e., little or no oxygen)
  - reduces corrosion and humidity problems inside containment



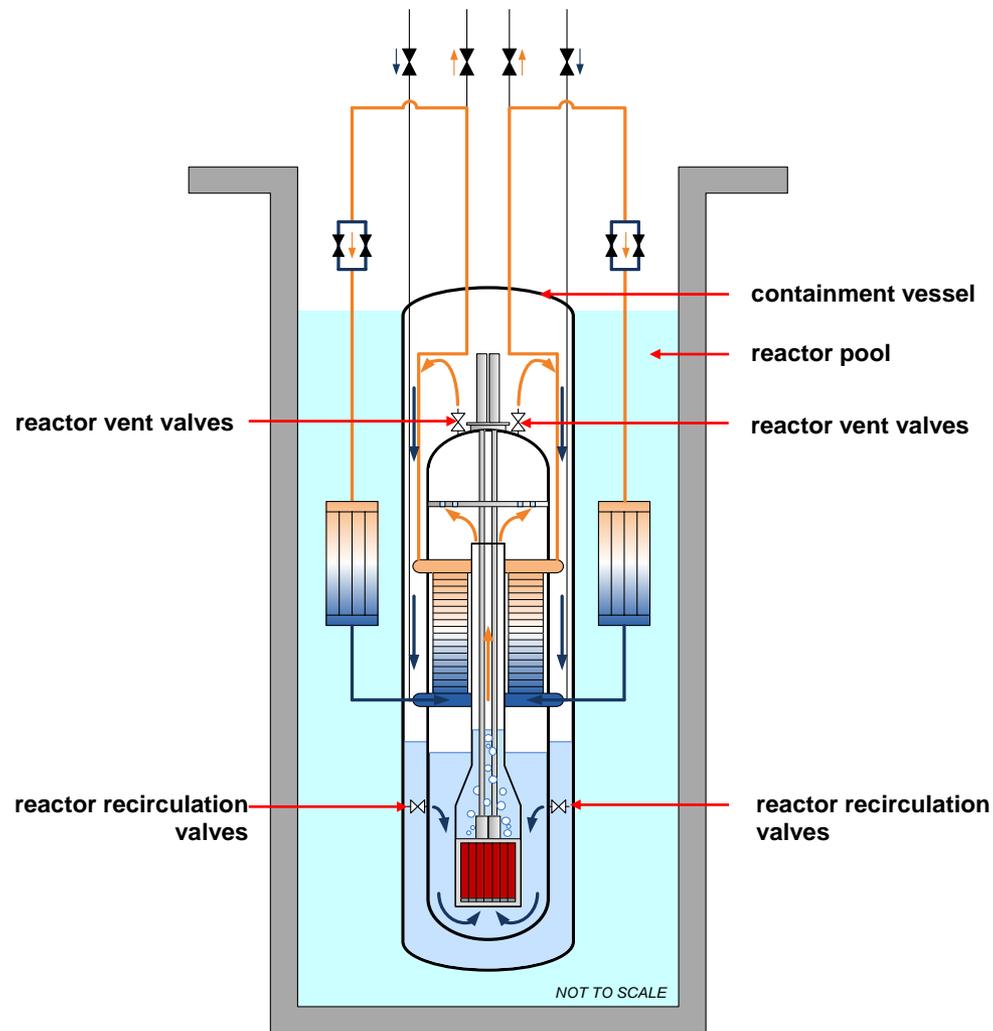
# Passive Decay Heat Removal System

- Main steam and main feedwater isolated
- Decay heat removal (DHR) valves opened
- Decay heat passively removed via the steam generators and DHR heat condensers to the reactor pool
- DHR system is composed of two independent single failure proof trains (1 of 2 trains needed)



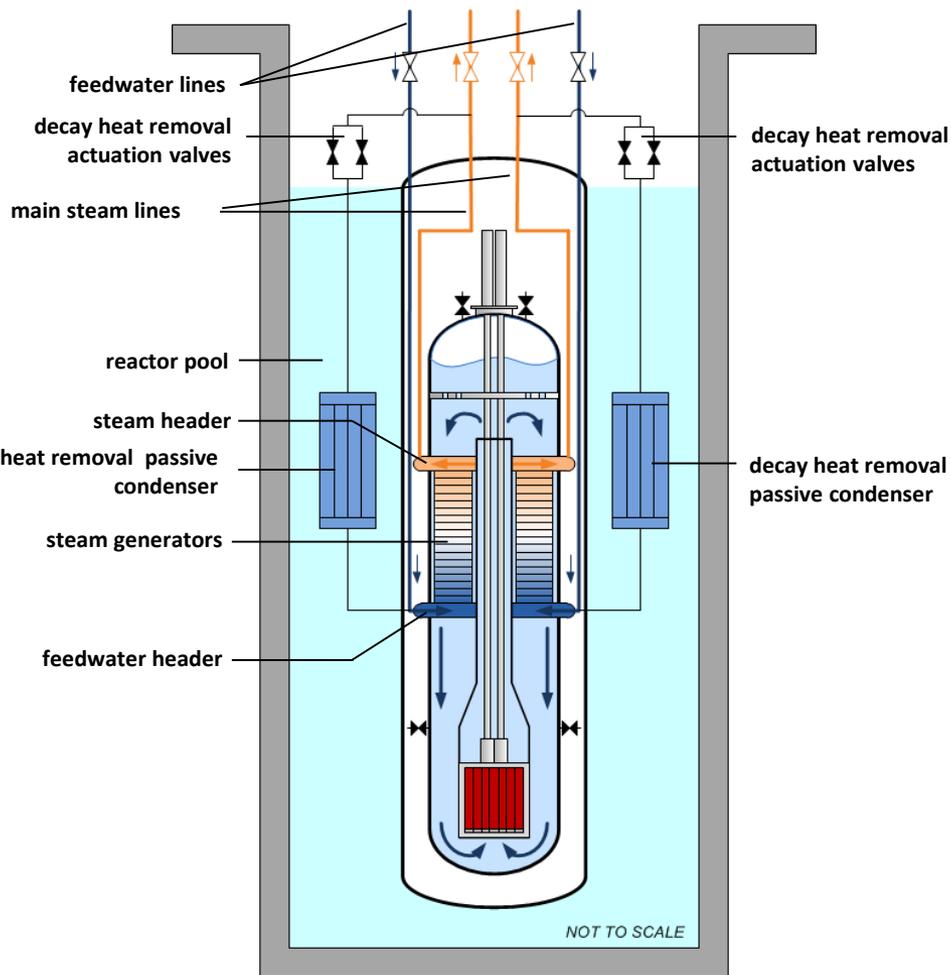
# Emergency Core Cooling System and Containment Heat Removal

- Adequate core cooling is provided without the need for safety-related injection
  - Reactor vent valves opened on safety signal
  - Reactor recirculation valves open when containment liquid level is high enough
- Decay heat removed
  - condensing steam on inside surface of containment vessel
  - convection and conduction through liquid and both vessel walls

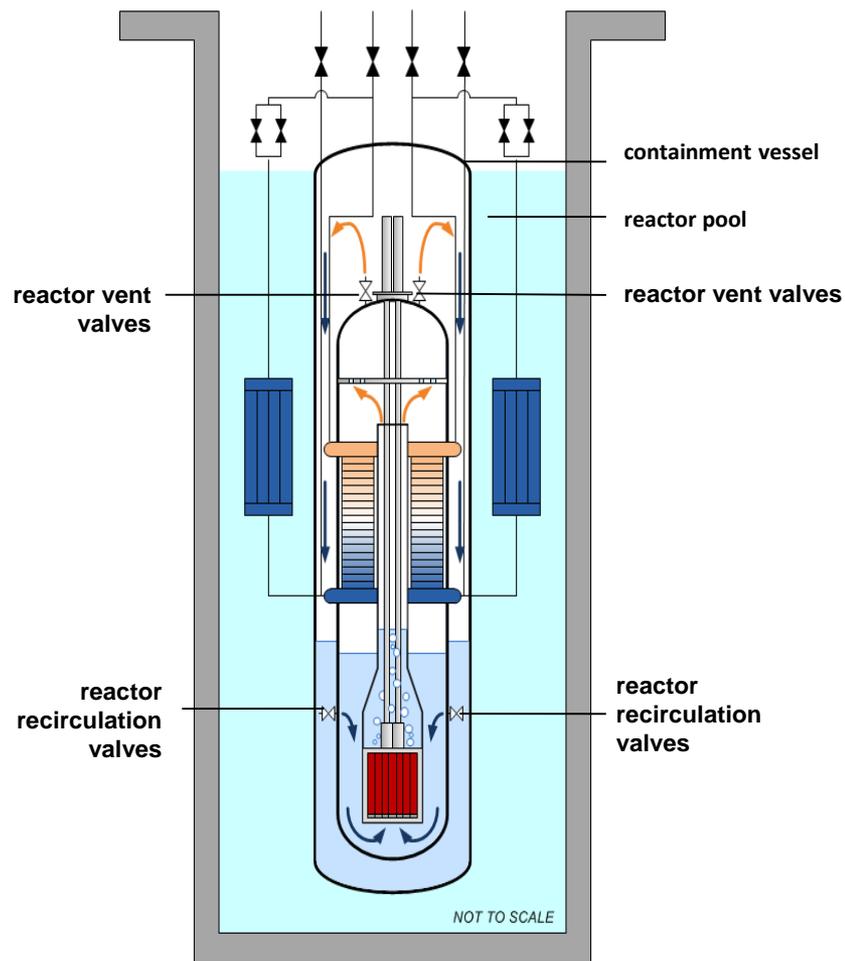


# Normal and LOCA Configurations

## Normal Operation



## LOCA Operation (ECCS)

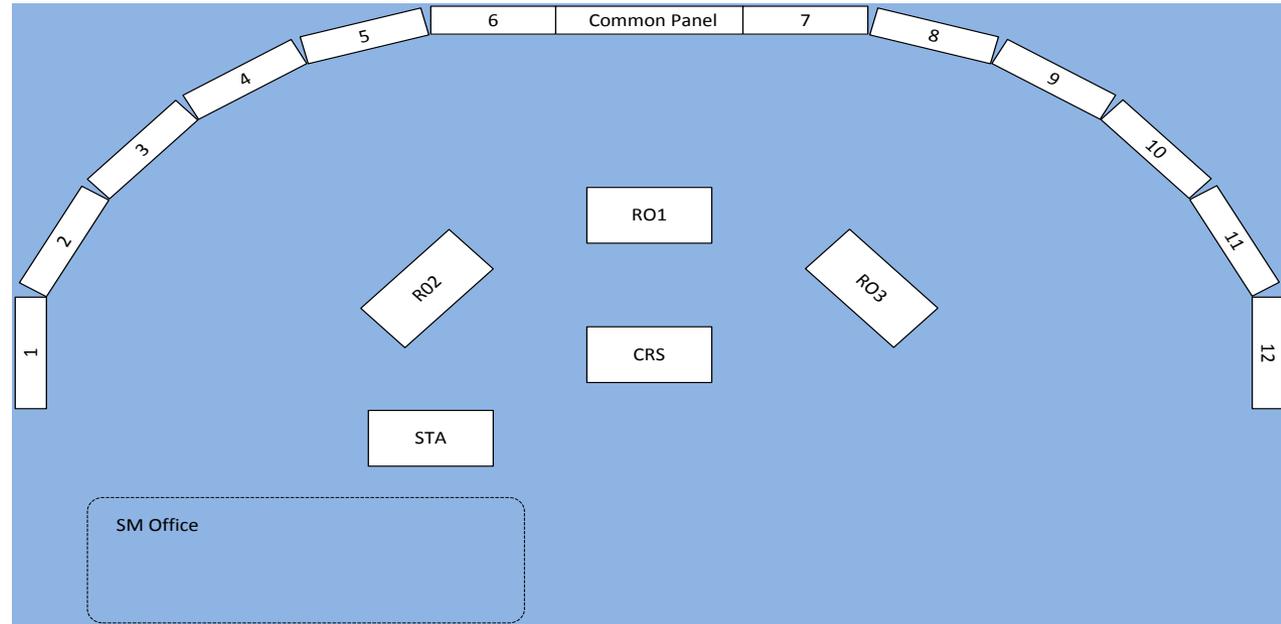
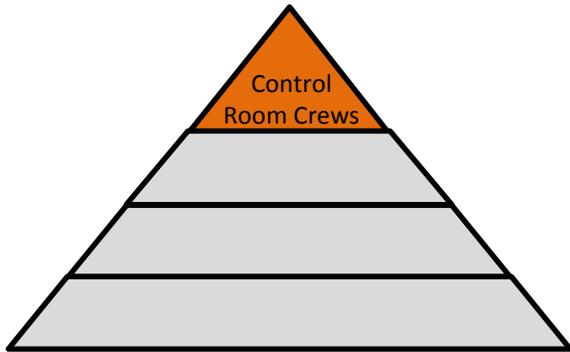


# Plant Reliability

## Improved Reliability Through the Use of Multiple Small Units:

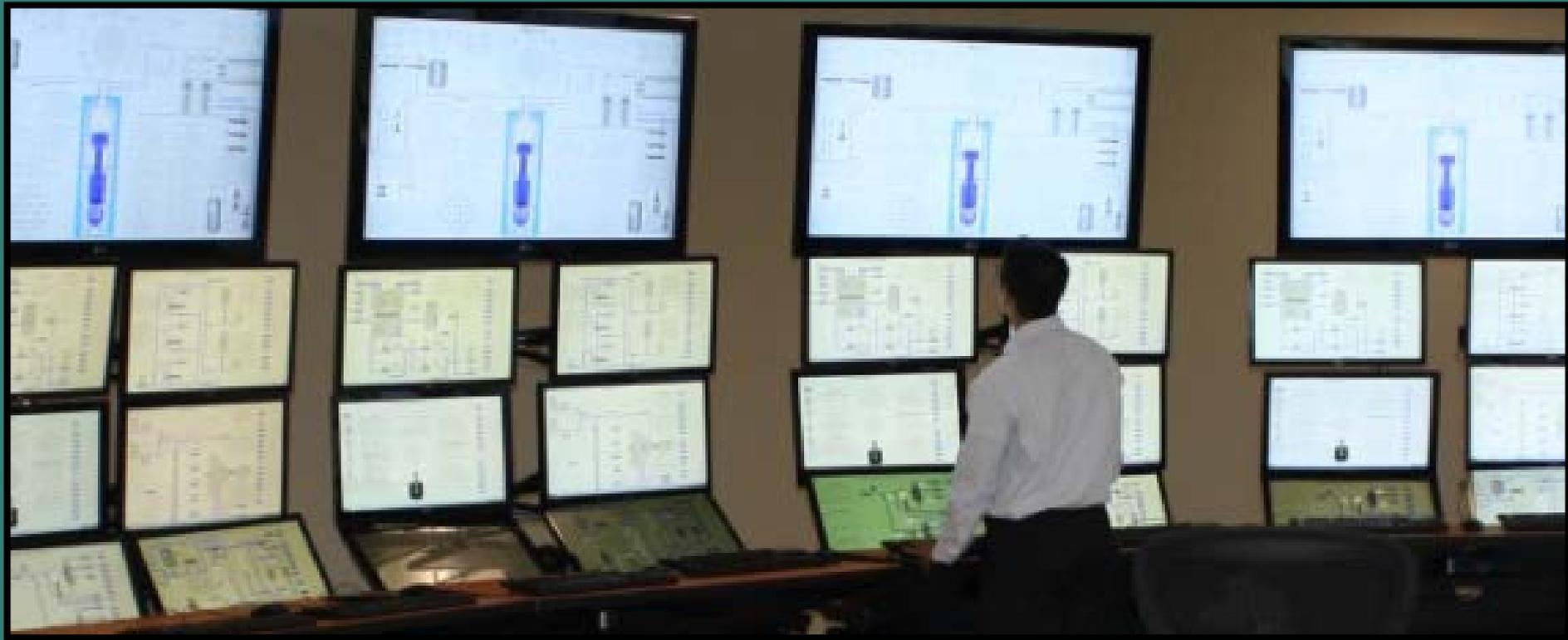
- Relatively small and simple turbine generators:
  - economic
  - generator housing air filled and water cooled (no hydrogen, seal oil or stator water cooling systems)
  - single case turbine (no reheat)
  - commercial grade turbine (no missile threat to nuclear safety)
  - single heater train, cascading drains
- No single shaft risk – Independent turbine generators for each reactor module; plant output drops to 92% with 1 of 12 units out of service.
- Refueling Outages – Refueling 1 of 12 units drops plant output to 92%.
- Full turbine steam bypass capability – No reactor trip required for a turbine trip allowing quick return to power after trip condition corrected.
- Island Mode Operation – Allows the plant to stay online after a loss of grid event; house loads remain powered by one turbine generator.

# Concept of Operations



- 6 Crews of 10 operators provide 24/7 staffing
- 4 Non-Licensed Operators
- 3 Reactor Operators (In Control, Admin, Maintenance Support)
- 3 Senior Reactor Operators

# Control Room Simulator



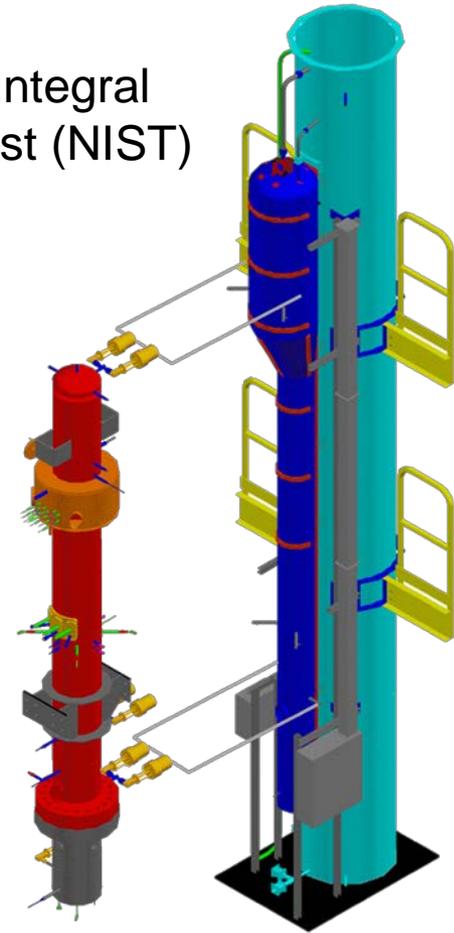
# Integral Systems Test at OSU

Objective: Obtain large-scale real-time integral-effects systems data for SBLOCAs, long-term core cooling, and high pressure condensation for validating our NRELAP5 code.

Status:

- successfully tested:
  - SBLOCAs
  - long term core cooling transients
  - high pressure condensation runs
  - station blackout (SBO) transient
- testing shows core never uncovers and fuel never overheats for SBLOCAs & SBO
- results support long term cooling without cooling pool water

NuScale Integral Systems Test (NIST)



# Integral Systems Test Upgrade

Objective: Reconfigure facility so that it aligns with the current NuScale plant design, increase the pressure rating of the containment vessel, add instrumentation needed for safety code and reactor design validation.

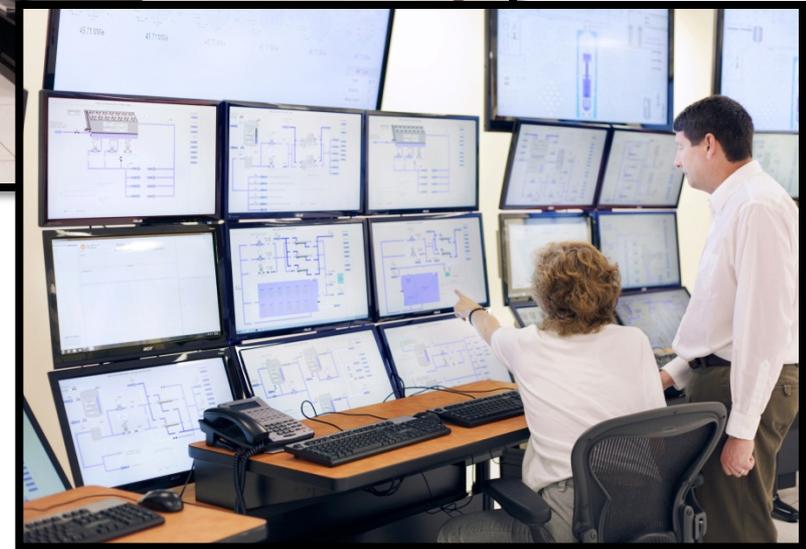


- Replace containment and reactor pool module
- Modify portions of integral reactor vessel
- Add DHRS
- 3X containment vessel pressure rating for blowdowns
- 3X instrumentation for validation

*Upgraded facility enables new types of transients, more prototypic testing, and produces higher fidelity data.*

# Full-Scale Main Control Room Simulator for HFE/HMI Studies

- NRC Review of HFE Program and Site Visit January 2013



# Project WIN Details

- First commercial demonstration project: a multi-module NuScale plant with a potential location within the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site.
- Expected to become operational in 2023.
- A 12 module plant (574 MWe, net) is anticipated based on a preliminary evaluation of potential generating capacity needs.
- Will provide immediate advantages to the Western region:
  - Provide clean, affordable energy and professional jobs
  - Demonstrate the operations and benefits of this SMR technology
  - Act as a catalyst for subsequent SMR energy facilities throughout the Western states



# NuScale COL Application

- NuScale is working with a consortium of parties to deploy its SMR in Idaho.
- The Idaho location could serve as the R-COLA for NuScale
- Plans to start the R-COLA are in the development stage



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