

DoE labs and Domenici promote GNEP

DOE seems to be working with Congress now that Bush is on board. New stratiefies!

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The directors of nine national labs and Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, announced their support for the Global Nuclear Energy Program on May 2. GNEP, part of President Bush's Advanced Energy Initiative, supports the development of new technologies to recycle spent nuclear fuel and promote emissions-free nuclear energy in a more proliferation-resistant manner.

"DoE and its national laboratories exist to develop technology options for our most challenging national problems," Domenici said. "US energy security is one of our most significant challenges."

Nine national laboratories are working together to develop program and technology plans that will guide technology development efforts. Sandia is expected to provide lead-on reactors, and security and safeguards to prevent proliferation. Los Alamos National Laboratory will work on advanced reactor fuels, as well as reprocessing and reactor technology.

"Moving forward with the research and technology development proposed under the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership is of great importance to all Americans," said John Grossenbacher, director of the Idaho National Laboratory. "We will be developing and demonstrating in the US new recycling technologies for spent nuclear fuel that may produce more energy, reduce nuclear waste and address proliferation concerns."

Bush has requested \$250 million for GNEP in fiscal year 2007. Recently, India became the first nation to join the program.