



## **USNIC Touts North American Advanced Reactors Initiative at Energy Ministerial**

The U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council (USNIC) was among a group of 30 companies and organizations participating in the North American Energy Ministers Interactive Discussion with the Private Sector, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy on November 14, 2017 in Houston, Texas.

The goal of the Discussion was to discuss the future of North American energy as a driver of economic and energy security in the Western Hemisphere and identify opportunities to strengthen domestic and collective energy security and economic prosperity through trilateral cooperation with Canada and Mexico.

During the Discussion, Secretary Rick Perry from the U.S. Department of Energy, Minister James Carr from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), and Secretary Pedro Joaquin Coldwell from Mexico's Secretariat of Energy (SENER), provided an overview of North American energy cooperation.

Following the overview, the Energy Ministers engaged in a moderated discussion -- led by University of Houston Chief Energy Officer Dr. Romanan Krishnamoorti -- with private sector representatives from the United States, Canada, and Mexico directed at examples of industry efforts relevant to trilateral energy cooperation.

USNIC addressed the need for consummation of a pending U.S.-Mexico civil nuclear trade agreement driven by the planned two-unit expansion of the Laguna Verde nuclear power station. The Council also outlined a North American advanced reactors alliance focused on innovation, first movers and supply chain delivery globally.

The three energy leaders committed to meet annually to review progress towards the Ministerial's goals. To support this, DOE, NRCan and SENER also agreed to further North American energy cooperation where there are shared objectives to identify and implement areas of cooperation.

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A summary of the North American Energy Ministerial:

<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/United-States-Canada-and-Mexico-issue-summary-from-North-American-Energy-Ministerial-541924>

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