

Statement by the U.S. Nuclear Industry Council

*On President's Trump directive to U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry
"to prepare immediate steps to stop the loss" of power grid resiliency and resources*

We welcome the President's continued recognition of the geostrategic importance of American nuclear energy leadership as well as the multi-faceted consequences inherent in the premature closings of nuclear plants that have been a cornerstone of U.S. energy and national security, economic prosperity and clean energy leadership. The sustained viability of the current nuclear energy fleet is also vital to advanced nuclear energy deployment and the vibrancy of the U.S. supply chain, which are trailblazing a new generation of commercial nuclear technology innovation and economic competitiveness.

We applaud the President's decisiveness in tackling this complex issue head-on given the finding that "impending retirements of fuel secure power facilities are leading to a rapid depletion of a critical part of our nation's energy mix and impacting the resilience of our power grid."

We have full confidence in Secretary Perry's leadership and ability to chart a path forward to address the President's directive to ensure a resilient and secure grid. We look forward to the Secretary's recommendations and to working toward mutual objectives to revive and expand U.S. nuclear energy.

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