

Aiken-Augusta / Southeastern Energy Summit September 14-18, 2026

Monday, September 14

The 5th Aiken-Augusta / Southeastern Energy Summit is a 5-day full program, including several venues with visits to Nuclear Plant Vogtle (Waynesboro), the Georgia Cyber & Innovation Center (Augusta), the Applied Research Center (Aiken), the mtu Rolls Royce generator manufacturing plant (Graniteville) and the VC Summer Nuclear Site (Jenkinsville).

Produced by Linton Consulting, NuSynergy Energy and a number of Partners and Sponsors who are major players in the Energy and Power Industries, this Summit offers you an unequalled opportunity to update on the top issues facing the Southeast and U.S. today.

We will cover a wide range of Energy/Power Segments, topics and trends from nuclear, gas and renewables to generation, infrastructure, the future of the Grid to Transmission, Storage and Onsite Power. We will explore the drivers of growth and the challenges across multiple technologies.

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

Hotel Information

We have partnered with the Marriott in Augusta to offer a special group rate! Please use the link below to book your stay.

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11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Lunch & Networking	<i>Sponsored by Westinghouse</i>
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Orientation & History of Plant Vogtle	Mike McCracken, Southern Nuclear Jeremiah Haswell, Georgia Power Company
12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Site Bus & Limited Walking Tour of Plant Vogtle Units 1, 2, 3 & 4 and Control Room Training Center	Mike McCracken, Southern Nuclear Joel Leopard, Southern Nuclear
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Vogtle Vantage Point Site	Mike McCracken, Southern Nuclear Joel Leopard, Southern Nuclear
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Return to Energy Education Center	
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Perspectives on Energy, Electricity, Georgia and the Southeast	TBA
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Westinghouse from AP 1000 to AP 300	James Wyble III, Westinghouse
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Westinghouse Nuclear Fuels Columbia Fuel Manufacturing	Elise Malek, Westinghouse
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Antares: Modular Power for Defense Critical Assets	Matt Griffin, Antares Energy
4:30 PM	5:00 PM	The Business Case for Hadron's Microreactors: Smaller, Cheaper, Faster	Ken Canavan, Hadron Energy
5:00 PM	5:10 PM	Summary & Conclusion	Bill Linton
5:10 PM	6:10 PM	Travel - Return to Hotel	All

Georgia Cyber Center Rooftop (Augusta, GA)

6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Welcome Reception <i>Drinks & hors d'oeuvres provided</i>	<i>Sponsored by Atwell</i> <i>Welcome by Danielle Peoples</i>
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Start	End	Agenda Item	Who
8:30 AM	8:50 AM	Welcome & Introductions	Bill Linton
8:50 AM	9:00 AM	Welcome to the Georgia Innovation & Cyber Center	Eric Toler, Georgia Cyber Center
9:00 AM	9:20 AM	Keynote: State of the Power Industries Siemens Energy View	Matt Neal, Siemens Energy N.A.
9:20 AM	10:05 AM	Executive Panel: Meeting State & Regional Energy Demands Moderator: Jennifer Curry, Siemens Energy	Keller Kissam, Dominion Energy Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power Brandon Dillard, Alabama Power Tiffany Cohen, Florida Power & Light
10:05 AM	10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Natural Gas & Transmission Panel: The Future is Now	Hank McCullough, Carolinas Natural Gas Coalition Scott Carter, Southern Company Gas Brad Holbrook, Piedmont Natural Gas Allen Fore, Kinder Morgan
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Energy Security Vs. Global Threats	TBA
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Energy, Infrastructure, & Cyber Security Panel Moderator: Thomas Toler, Georgia Cyber Center	Kimberly Denbow, American Gas Association Ethan Farquhar, Savannah River National Lab TBA
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch & Networking	<i>Sponsored by DC BLOX</i>
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Tour of Georgia Cyber Center	Thomas Toler, Georgia Cyber Center
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Energy Outlook: Realities of U.S. and Southeast Energy Trends	Joe Hoagland, Oak Ridge National Lab
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Roundtable / Q&A on Energy Outlook	
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 PM	3:50 PM	AI/Data Centers: Industry Trends & Policy	Jeff Uphues, DC BLOX
3:50 PM	4:20 PM	Data Center Owner Discussion Moderator: TBA	TBA
4:20 PM	4:40 PM	Integrating AI/Data Center Needs and Energy & Power Excellence	Rich Voorberg, Quality Infratech Intelligence
4:40 PM	5:25 PM	Developing & Powering Data Centers: A New Vision Moderator: Jeffrey Battaglia, HDR	Andrew Flajole, HDR Dr. Arunachalam Lakshminarayanan, mtu Rolls Royce TBA
5:25 PM	5:30 PM	Summary & Outlook for Tomorrow	Bill Linton

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Wednesday, September 16

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8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Welcome to South Carolina	Bill Linton Fred Humes, Applied Research Center
8:45 AM	9:05 AM	Keynote: Welcome to High Growth Energy Demand Perspectives on South Carolina & the Southeast	TBA
9:05 AM	9:25 AM	Nuclear Power in America: Where We Go From Here	Allen Klump, Palmetto Nuclear Coalition
9:25 AM	9:45 AM	Workforce Challenges Comments	TBA
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	Q&A / Discussion	
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM	11:45 AM	Integrated Resource Planning Process: How it Works & Outlook for Southeast Moderator: TBA	Danny Kassis, Dominion Energy Andrew Campbell, Tennessee Valley Authority Sam Holeman, Duke Energy TBA
11:45 AM	12:00 PM	The New SRNL Working Groups Introductions & Intentions	Johney Green, Savannah River National Lab
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Lunch Break & Travel to Breakouts	
Breakouts on AI & the Grid, Advanced Reactor Fuel Cycle, Fusion FC, Critical Minerals & Materials			
1:15 PM	5:30 PM	Concurrent Focus Sessions AI, Grid Management & Security Fusion & Fuel Cycle Advanced Nuclear: Across Fuel Cycles Critical Minerals & Materials	Savannah River National Lab Leaders: Ethan Farquhar Brenda Garcia-Diaz Bill Bates Dawn Wellman
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Digitalization State of the Industry: What's Next?	Nick Meyer, Yokogawa Panel Discussion; Audience Q&A
1:45 PM	2:30 PM	Storage Panel: BESS Moderated by: Danielle Peoples, Atwell, Inc.	
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Tour of the <i>mtu</i> Rolls-Royce Facility & Kinetic PowerPack Overview	Project Team Escorts Dr. Arunachalam Lakshminarayanan, <i>mtu</i> Rolls Royce

Location TBA

6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Evening Reception <i>Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided</i>	
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Thursday, September 17

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8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Recap & Preview of Day 3	Bill Linton
8:45 AM	9:15 AM	Summary of SRNL Working Group Results	TBA
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Break	
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Industrial Panel: Energy Opportunities & Challenges Moderator: Dr. Will James, Battelle/SRNL	Hannah Abell, Nucor Tim Lebrecht, Air Products Dr. Arunachalam Lakshminarayanan, mtu Rolls Royce TBA
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	12:15 PM	Maritime & Ports Logistics Panel: Developing Nuclear Applications in SC Moderator: David Walker, ABS	Steven Jahng, Hyundai John Brazer, HydroFleet Steve Clermont, CTE
12:15 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Aviation & Airport Panel: Key Opportunities & Challenges Moderator: Kevin Hayes, PowerSecure	Frank Murray, Columbia Airport Kent Bontrager, GSP Airport TBA
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 PM	4:15 PM	Federal / Defense Panel: Shifting Priorities Moderator: Ben Cross, NuSynergy Energy	Bryan Cox, NNSA TBA
4:15 PM	4:30 PM	Summary, Q&A, Recommendations	Bill Linton

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Friday, September 18

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9:30 AM	9:45 AM	Welcome & Introductions	
9:45 AM	10:15 AM	Perspectives: South Carolina & the Southeast VC Summer Nuclear Business Model	Mike Finissi, Santee Cooper Sam Meyers, Brookfield
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Project & Site History Tour Orientation & Safety Briefing	Vic Fregonese, Santee Cooper Steve Nance, Santee Cooper
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Site Tours (2 Groups; Alternating) Simulator & Site Laydown	Project Team Escorts
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Lunch Break & Open Discussion Project Status	Vic Fregonese, Santee Cooper Steve Nance, Santee Cooper
12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Site Tours (2 Groups; Alternating) Simulator & Site Laydown	Project Team Escorts
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Vision for New Nuclear in the U.S. Workforce Development Action Planning	Robbie Bennett, SRS Community Reuse Org. Madalyn Brantley, SRS Community Reuse Org.
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Summit Conclusion	