

Aiken-Augusta / Southeastern Energy Summit

September 14-18, 2026

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!

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Monday, September 14 Plant Vogtle (Waynesboro, GA)

Start	End	Agenda Item	Who
11:30	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
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	3:15 PM	Westinghouse from AP 1000 to AP 300	James Wyble III, Westinghouse
3:15 PM	3:45 PM	Westinghouse Nuclear Fuels	Elise Malek, Westinghouse
3:45 PM	4:15 PM	Antares: Modular Power for Defense Critical Assets	Matt Griffin, Antares Energy
4:15 PM	4:45 PM	The Business Case for Hadron's Microreactors: Smaller, Faster, Cheaper	Ken Canavan, Hadron Energy
4:45 PM	5:00 PM	Summary & Conclusion	Bill Linton
4:55 PM		Travel	

Georgia Cyber Center Rooftop (Augusta, GA)

6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Welcome Reception <i>Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided</i>	<i>Sponsored by Atwell</i>
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Tuesday, September 15 Georgia Cyber Center (Augusta, GA)

Start	End	Agenda Item	Who
8:30 AM	8:45	Welcome & Introductions	Bill Linton
8:45	8:55	Welcome to the Georgia Innovation & Cyber Center	Eric Toler, Georgia Cyber Center
8:55	9:15	Keynote: State of the Power Industries Siemens Energy View	Matt Neal, Siemens Energy N.A.
9:15	10:00	Executive Panel: Meeting State & Regional Energy Demands Moderator: Jennifer Curry, Siemens Energy	Keller Kissam, Dominion Energy Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power Tiffany Cohen, Florida P&L Heather Shirley Smith, Duke Energy
10:00	10:15	Break	
10:15	11:15	Natural Gas & Transmission Panel: The Future is Now Moderator: Hank McCullough, Carolinas Natural Gas Coalition	Timothy Sherwood, Southern Company Gas Tom McGinley, Piedmont Natural Gas Allen Fore, Kinder Morgan
11:15	11:35	Energy Security & Risks: U.S. & the Southeast	Kevin Doyle, Consumer Energy Alliance
11:35	12:35 PM	Energy, Infrastructure, & Cyber Security Panel Moderator: Eric Toler, Georgia Cyber Center	Kimberly Denbow, American Gas Association Ethan Farquhar, Savannah River National Lab Tim Bennett, Amentum Keith Jones, CISA Jared Chambliss, BGS
12:35 PM	1:05 PM	Lunch & Networking	
1:05 PM	1:30 PM	Tour of Georgia Cyber Center	Eric Toler, Georgia Cyber Center
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	Energy Outlook: Realities of U.S. & Southeast Energy Trends	*Joe Hoagland, ORNL & UTK Baker School Arnold Lumsdaine, ORNL
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Roundtable / Q&A on Energy Outlook	
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 PM	3:05 PM	AI/Data Centers: Industry Trends & Policy	Jeff Uphues, DC Blox
3:05 PM	3:50 PM	Data Center Owner Discussion Moderator: Jeff Uphues, DC Blox	Sy Allen, Google Laura Taylor, Georgia Tech Sean White, Amentum Tricia Pridemore, DC Blox
3:50 PM	4:10 PM	Integrating AI/Data Center Needs and Energy & Power Excellence	Rich Voorberg, QII
4:10 PM	5:10 PM	Developing & Powering Data Centers: A New Vision Moderator: Jeffrey Battaglia, HDR	Andrew Flajole, HDR Dr. Arun Lakshminarayanan, mtu Rolls-Royce Harrison Boyd, Amentum Sam Barnes, Atwell, Inc.
5:10 PM	5:15 PM	Summary & Outlook for Tomorrow	Bill Linton
North Augusta, GA			
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Optional: DC Blox Data Center Visit	<i>This tour is limited. Please indicate to the team if you are planning to attend this tour.</i>

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Wednesday, September 16 Applied Research Center (Aiken, SC)

Start	End	Agenda Item	Who
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Welcome to South Carolina	Bill Linton
8:45 AM	9:15	Meeting Demand in South Carolina: Gas, Nuclear, Transmission, & Workforce	Cristina Paredes, SC NEXUS
9:15	9:30	Update: Fairfield Nuclear Power Project	Vic Fregonese, Santee Cooper
9:30	9:45	Break	
9:45 AM	11:15	Integrated Resource Planning Process: How it Works & Outlook for Southeast Moderator: Steve Kalland, NC Clean Energy Tech Center	James Neely, Dominion Energy Andrew Campbell, TVA Karen Hall, Duke Energy Sam Holeman, Duke Energy Randell Johnson, Acelerex
11:15	12:00 PM	Advancing Automation, Digitalization, & AI: New Collaborations	Michael Keller, Yokogawa Galen George, Siemens Energy
12:00 PM	12:15 PM	The New Savannah River National Lab Working Groups Introductions & Intentions	Darren Timmons, Savannah River National Lab
12:15 PM	1:45 PM	Lunch Break & Travel to Breakouts	

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Attendees have the option to participate in SRNL's Working Groups or commute to mtu Rolls-Royce's manufacturing facility. Please note that the mtu Rolls-Royce tour is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

1:45 PM	5:30 PM	<u>Concurrent Focus Sessions</u> Tom Young Center (Aiken, SC) 1. <i>AI, Grid Management & Security (Ethan Farquhar)</i> 2. <i>Advanced Nuclear: Across Fuel Cycles (Bill Bates)</i> Advanced Manufacturing Center (Aiken, SC) 1. <i>Fusion & Fuel Cycle (Brenda Garcia-Diaz)</i> 2. <i>Critical Minerals & Materials (Matt Craps)</i>	<u>Facility Tour & Storage & BESS Discussion</u> mtu Rolls-Royce Facility (Graniteville, SC) <i>Limited availability</i> 1. Storage & BESS Discussion 2. Tour of the mtu Rolls-Royce Facility & Kinetic PowerPack Presentation (Steel toed boots required)
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Tom Young Center (Aiken, SC)

6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Evening Reception <i>Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided</i>	Co-Sponsored by Amentum & Yokogawa
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Thursday, September 17 Applied Research Center (Aiken, SC)

Start	End	Agenda Item	Who
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Recap & Preview of Day 3	Bill Linton
8:45 AM	9:00	Panel Purpose & Introductions	Bill Linton
9:00	9:30	Changing Energy Policy & Regulations: What You Need to Know	M.C. Hammond, Pillsbury Law
9:30	10:30	Industrial Panel: Energy Opportunities & Challenges Moderator: Dr. Will James, Battelle/SRNL	Hannah Abell, Nucor Tim Lebrecht, Air Products Miguel Spada, <i>mtu</i> Rolls-Royce
10:30	10:45	Break	
10:45	12:15 PM	Maritime & Ports Logistics Panel: Developing Nuclear Applications in SC Moderator: David Walker, ABS	*Spencer Pope, Taylor Machine Works *Gary Hseuh, CTE *Julia Schultz, CTE Aaron Horwood, SC Nuclear Applications Steve Clermont, CTE Kate Jostworth, Maersk
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM	2:45 PM	Aviation & Airport Panel: Key Opportunities & Challenges Moderator: Kevin Hayes, PowerSecure	Bethany King, Boeing Frank Murray, Columbia Airport Kent Bontrager, GSP Airport Dr. Quinta Warren, Atlanta Airport Steve Clemont, CTE
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Federal / Defense Panel: Shifting Priorities Moderator: Ben Cross, NuSynergy Energy	Bryan Cox, NNSA Sean White, Amentum Matt Griffin, Antares Energy Ed Wannemacher, BWXT
4:30 PM	4:45 PM	Summary, Q&A, Recommendations	Bill Linton

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Friday, September 18 VC Summer (Jenkinsville, SC)

Start	End	Agenda Item	Who
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	