



**IL GOV. PRITZKER VETOS NEW NUCLEAR BILL - NEXT LAB /
NATURA RESOURCES TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW
RESEARCH MSRR FACILITY - TEAM MEMBERS WANTED FOR NEW
THORIUM NUCLEAR - TEA MEMBERSHIP FEEDBACK QUESTION**

ILLinois Bill to Allow New Nuclear Vetoed by Gov. Pritzker - Still Hope for Override

IL State Senator Sue Rezin's [Bill SB76](#), to lift the decade's old moratorium on new nuclear power plant construction, was recently vetoed by governor JB Pritzker even though the bill originally passed both IL the House and Senate by three-fifths majorities. The bill would have lifted the moratorium on both current Gen 3 designs as well as Gen 4 Small Modular Reactors. One of the reasons why Pritzker vetoed this bill is his claim that the bill provides no regulatory protections for the health and safety of Illinois residents. He also seems to have been swayed by the special interest groups, the Sierra Club Illinois chapter and the Illinois Environmental council, falsely claiming that, "Nuclear power comes with significant safety risks and results in highly hazardous wastes that threaten our drinking water," both well-worn misinformation speaking points these groups have bannered for decades.

Since the house and senate both voted in large numbers to pass this bill, there is still hope they can retain the votes needed to override the veto. In the original vote held in May of this year, the bill received 39 yes votes in the Senate, and 84 yes votes in the House; enough of a majority to override the veto and make it clear that the people of Illinois want reliable clean energy, good paying jobs (direct and indirect), and a brighter future for the state, the birthplace of the nuclear reactor.

We must encourage the state assembly members to keep the course on SB76 and maintain their votes to override this misinformed veto. Please reach out to Party Leadership as well as the rank and file members who need to hear your voice on the future of Illinois Nuclear generation. Please use the links below to find contacts for House and Senate membership as well as the Leadership:

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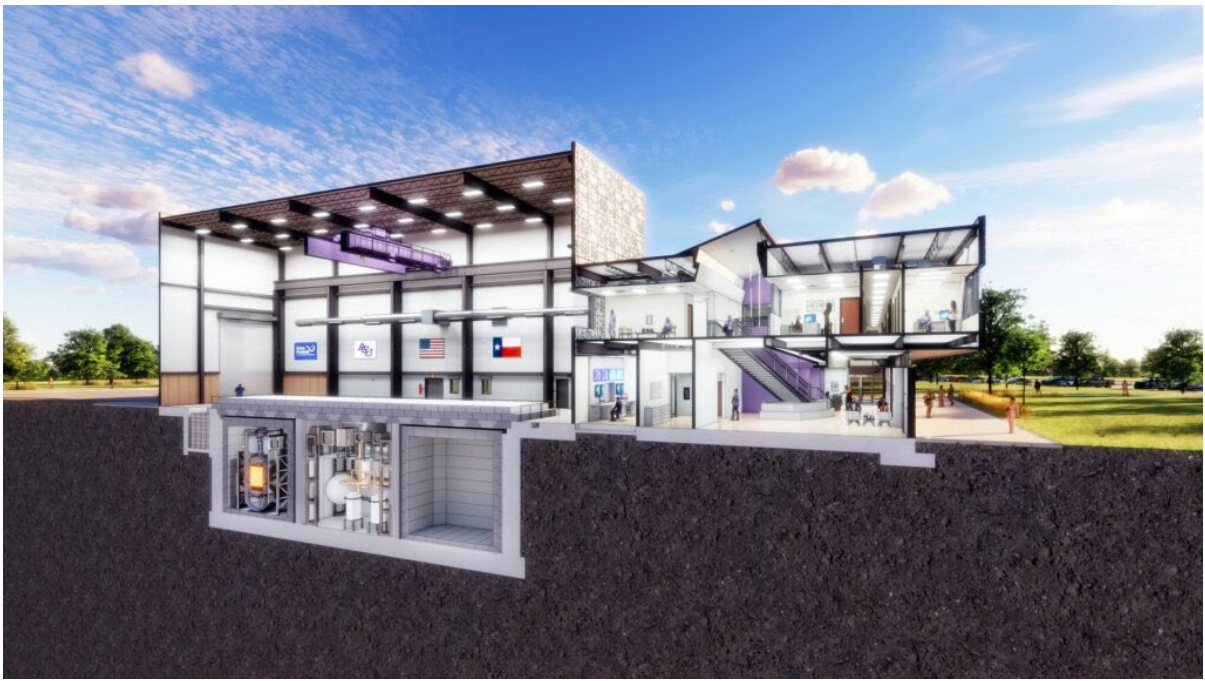
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YOU CAN HELP SAVE NUCLEAR!



Rendering of The Science and [Engineering Research Center \(SERC\)](#) at Abilene Christian University (ACU) is a multi-use facility that will be home to both the NEXT Lab and the MSRR.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at NEXT LAB / Abilene Christian University

The TEA is excited to be traveling to Abilene, TX for the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony to usher in the Molten Salt Research Reactor MSRR, now one of the leading advanced reactor projects in the nation and should be one of the first advanced reactors to demonstrate successful licensure with the NRC and commence operations. Just coming a little over the one year anniversary of submitting the NRC construction permit to build the [NEXT LAB](#) research reactor building, officials from NEXT LAB, Natura Resources and Abilene Christian University will be holding a ribbon- cutting ceremony to officially open the new facility. The Thorium Energy Alliance is excited for the rapid progress the group has made so far and is even more excited to witness the first MSR research reactor being built in the USA. We wish all those involved well-earned congratulations on their accomplishments.

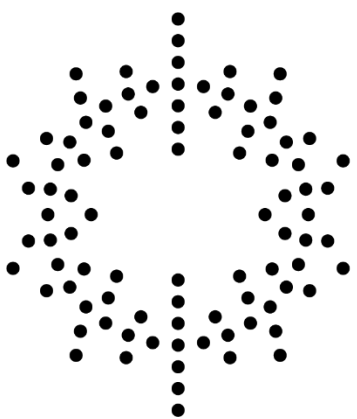


WANTED - The Thorium Energy Alliance is working on behalf of the Government of El Salvador to find subject matter experts who want to take on a challenge and be on the team that will be the first to deploy Thorium Energy in the Western World.

Primary Areas of Interest Include:

- Regulatory & Nuclear Law
- Operations & Systems Integration
- Educators & Curriculum Designers
- Capacity Building Expertise

This is a rare opportunity, open to all, to help create a new public private partnership with no legacy burden. A clean start to deploy the next generation of New Nuclear Energy. If you have the desire it takes to be part of something new and bold, contact us today.



copenhagen atomics

Copenhagen Atomics Releases Two New Videos

Our friends at Copenhagen Atomics have had an eventful year so far creating a consortium to stand up nuclear ammonia in Indonesia with world-class partners like Topsoe and Alfa Laval. Copenhagen is making progress with the country of El Salvador, and have pursued a program of test reactors with several European countries.

They've also found the time to keep posting great videos on their [YouTube Channel](#).

If you want to learn more about the Thorium-based MSR technology or how their modular reactors fit into the energy landscape of the future, please watch the new videos below.



Your Feedback is Needed:

We Have Been Asked by a Powerful Policy Influencer; The Thorium Energy Alliance would like to hear more from our membership via some posed questions we will include in upcoming newsletters. This month's question gets to the heart of Nuclear Policy:
What is one political, legal, or policy change that can make a Big Difference for new nuclear deployment?

Use the feedback button below to email your response. Please include "August 2023 Feedback" in the subject line. We will keep all responses anonymous.



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So grateful to everyone who has made all of our successes a reality. 2023 is shaping up to be the best Thorium Year yet!

John Kutsch
Executive Director

