



## NITSL Newsletter

Our goal is to keep members informed and involved. Please check out the “NITSL Snippets” section at the bottom of the newsletter for links to additional information. Feel free to provide feedback or comments at any time.

## Chairman’s Update



The NITSL Executive Committee, along with members of the planning committee from our host utility Southern Company, completed the hotel walkdown and planning meeting the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The location provides us a similar setup to last year, where all the meeting rooms are in the same area which allows for increased networking opportunities. In addition, there are many restaurants and shops within walking distance of the hotel. I am also excited to announce that we are changing Day 1 slightly. On the morning of day 1 we will have two sessions dedicated to training. Session 1 will be 8-10 am for Leadership Training and Session 2 will be from 10:15-Noon for Cyber Security Training. Afterward all four standing committees will still have the afternoon for their working sessions. One of our goals this year is to bring additional focus on “Leadership” and this change will allow for that.

## Standing Committee Meetings

Reminder to all committee participants, below are the schedules for the standing committee monthly calls:

- **Infrastructure & Applications:** Monthly Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month – 2 pm EST, Call in: 1.855.470.3100 : Local / Toll Free, access code: 628017
- **Software Quality Assurance:** Monthly Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month – 2 pm EST, Call in: 1-855-723-8900 and use access code 425451#
- **Cyber Security:** Bi Weekly Meeting – Tuesday starting 03/24/14 – 11am EST, Call in: 1-877-834-7331 Conference ID: 614-288
- **Digital Controls:** Monthly Meeting – 1st Weds each month - 3pm EST, Call in: 1-866-385-2663 Conference ID:2496738

## Key Dates to know for the 2019 NITSL Conference

- Presentation titles, description and presenter name(s) are needed by November 16, 2018.
- Presenter’s biography and picture are needed by December 14, 2018.

## More milestones for Vogtle project

The first reactor coolant pumps have been lifted into place at the Vogtle project, marking another major milestone for the USA's AP1000 construction project. The first of four 375,000-pound (170-tonne) pumps is now inside the containment vessel of unit 3 at the site near Waynesboro, Georgia. Read more [here](#).

## Hurricane Michael Once Again Proves Nuclear Plants' Resilience

Nuclear power plants have several layers of safety-related equipment including steel-reinforced concrete reactor containment structures, and are the most robust facilities in the U.S. energy infrastructure. They are designed to withstand extreme natural events including hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding and tornadoes. They also are able to provide electricity to homes and businesses as soon as off-site power is restored and the electricity grid can accommodate the power. Read more [here](#).

## Dominion Files to Extend Surry Operating License to 80 Years

Dominion Energy's twin-reactor Surry Power Station will continue to provide carbon-free electricity to more than 400,000 homes in Virginia through the middle of the century, once the company's application for a second renewed 20-year operating license is approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Read more [here](#).

## Holiday Safety – Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Take some basic precautions to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season.

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation. In 2015, 355 people died on New Year's Day, 386 on Thanksgiving Day and 273 on Christmas Day, according to *Injury Facts 2017*. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represent about one-third of the totals.

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions can occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly heavy snow

Click [here](#) for additional information on holiday safety.

## **NITSL Snippets**

- Need to know who to contact? Visit the [NITSL website](#) and a list of the current Executive Committee members and Standing Committee chairs/co-chairs.
- Click [here](#) to understand how nuclear energy works.

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