



## NIC NEWS

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### USNIC Joins Nuclear Energy Industry Delegation To U.S.- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Roundtable

The U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council (USNIC) was one of 18 U.S. industry, National Laboratory and academic representatives named to present at a two-day Civil Nuclear Energy Roundtable in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on December 17-18.

The event was organized under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration in conjunction with the King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy (K.A.CARE). Support was also provided by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The U.S. Government-led mission's objective was to initiate a partnership process between U.S. civil nuclear energy entities and K.A. CARE. The Roundtable provided an opportunity for in-depth information sharing and discussion of U.S. nuclear energy technologies, products, and services to support the KSA's deployment plans. Focus areas included advanced reactor technologies as well as human capacity and workforce development with discussions on how U.S. providers of advanced reactor technologies and workforce development can support K.A.CARE's plans.



*Dr. Maher Alodan, Chief Atomic Energy Officer, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) with Edward McGinnis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (right) and David Blee, Executive Director, USNIC (left).*

The USNIC provided a State of the U.S. Advanced Reactors industry report along with detailed information on the Council's Advanced Reactors Task Force and advanced manufacturing and supply chain initiatives including supply chain mapping and factory assembly for advanced reactors.

Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said this week that he expected to sign contracts to build two nuclear reactors by the end of 2018.

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