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U.S. Department of Navy Considers Four Virginia Sites for Nuclear Energy Expansion

RICHMOND, VA – The U.S. Department of the Navy announced this week that four of the seven locations being considered for potential shore-based nuclear power sites are in Virginia. This development highlights the commonwealth's strategic importance in the national security landscape and its leadership in advanced nuclear technology deployment.

"We're thrilled at the Navy's recognition of Virginia as the prime location for nuclear innovation," said Glenn Davis, Director of Virginia Energy. "Our robust nuclear infrastructure, skilled workforce, and supportive policy environment make Virginia the ideal partner for advancing critical technologies that will benefit our commonwealth and country."

The Navy's exploration of advanced nuclear technologies for its energy needs demonstrates the crucial role these innovations play in ensuring a reliable, clean energy future for both civilians and military applications alike.

This initiative is expected to strengthen energy independence and further position Virginia as a cornerstone of America's clean energy future. Through the commonwealth's commitment to an All-of-the-Above energy strategy, Virginia is poised to drive economic growth, create high-skilled jobs, and make significant contributions to national security. These efforts align with Virginia's ongoing pursuit of a reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean energy future.

The four Virginia sites under consideration are Naval Air Station Oceana (one of the world's largest and most advanced air stations), Naval Support Activity South Potomac, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, and Marine Corps Base Quantico. Other sites include installations in Maryland and North Carolina.

Virginia has a rich history in nuclear innovation, being home to the nation's first commercial nuclear generator which was built to power military facilities at Fort Belvoir in 1957. Today, the commonwealth hosts some of the world's largest nuclear companies and is a leader in nuclear education and workforce development. Moving forward, Virginia will build on this legacy by embracing cutting-edge nuclear technologies, fostering innovation, and developing the next generation of nuclear professionals.

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