



Secure the Grid Coalition

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Dear Secretary Granholm and distinguished members of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board:

The *Secure the Grid Coalition* greatly appreciates the opportunity to voice recommendations to the SEAB for consideration during its January 24, 2023, virtual meeting.

- (1) We would first like to commend Secretary Granholm for her October 21, 2022 public statement on the “importance of developing practical uses for America’s used nuclear fuel” and for investing in this concept.**

As you will recall, last January, our Secure the Grid Coalition made several recommendations during the SEAB’s January 25, 2022 meeting, including that the DOE adopt the concept of recycling spent nuclear fuel as a new “Energy Earthshot” Initiative.

Therefore, we were very pleased to see that DOE’s Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) has begun making major investments in projects aimed at spent nuclear fuel recycling through the CURIE program.

We are especially excited to see that one of these investments is in Curio - a nuclear technology innovation and commercialization company - and their innovative NuCycle recycling process.



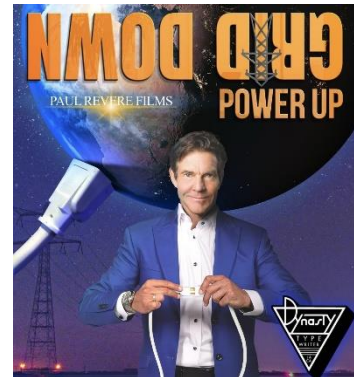
We highly recommend that the SEAB schedule a briefing by the Curio CEO, if this has not already been arranged.

- (2) Secondly, we want to make you aware of a recently launched documentary film titled Grid Down, Power Up by producer David Tice.**

This film debuted in Hollywood last week to a standing-room-only audience and is now being viewed by Americans nationwide.

Grid Down, Power Up is narrated by Dennis Quaid, was produced over a period of more than 7 years, and features interviews with hundreds of experts nationwide.

We encourage the entire SEAB to watch this film and to know that the nation is counting on you to follow the film’s recommendations in securing our most critical infrastructure – the electric grid.



Respectfully submitted by,

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