

CONSORTIA INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS

Boise State University



COMMON GROUND

Consent-based Siting Consortia – Quarterly Meeting, May 22-23, 2024



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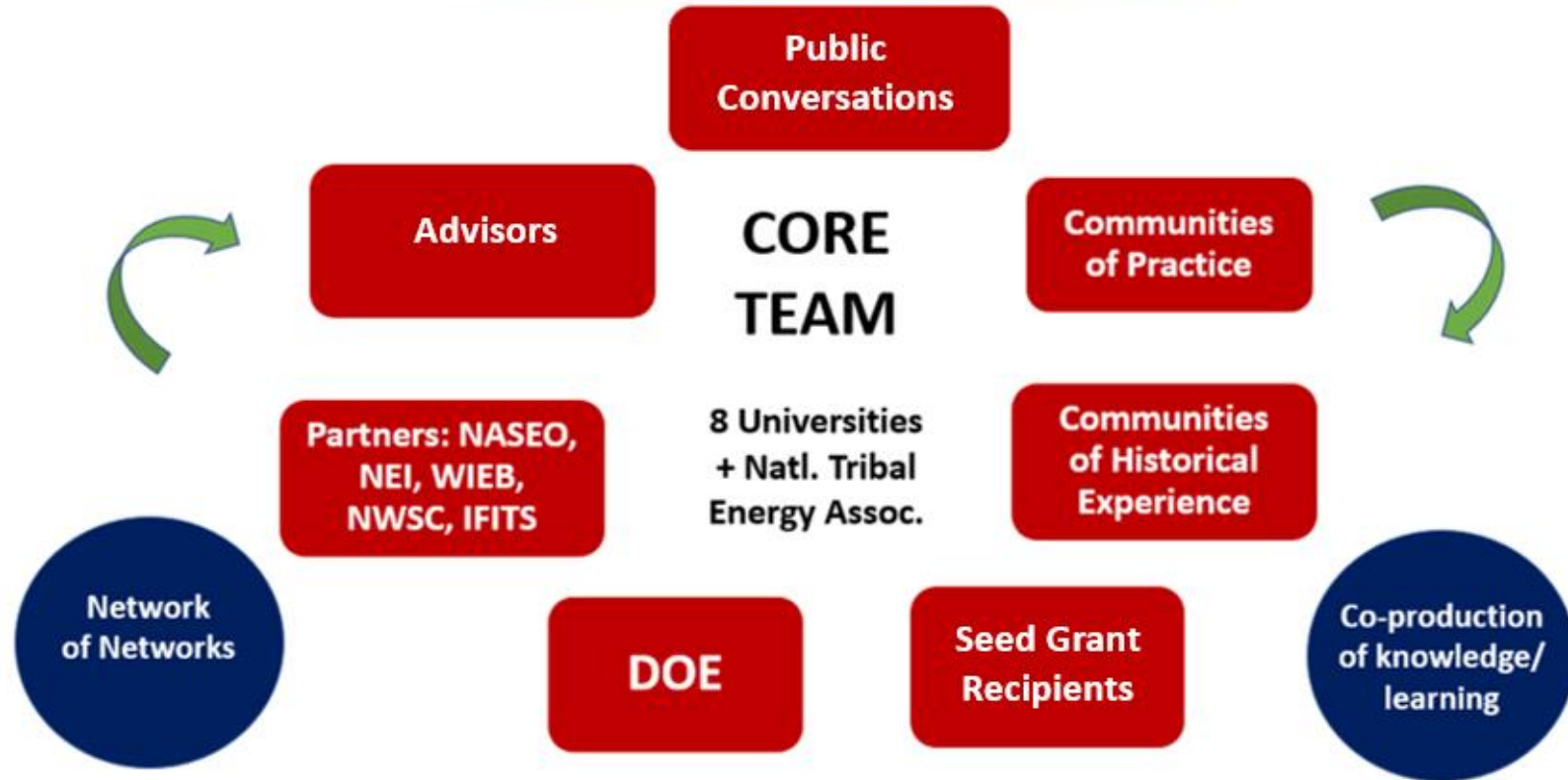


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OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Major developments:

- **Publication:** Borrelli, R.A., Araújo, K., Koerner, C., and Djokic, D. Consent-based Siting for Nuclear Fuel: The Common Ground Consortium Focus on Research and Public Conversations, Annual Meeting Proceedings, American Nuclear Society, June 2024.
- **Accepted for Conferences**
 - American Nuclear Society Annual Meeting:** Paper/presentation → 3 panels
 - Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting:** Presentation
 - Arctic Congress:** Presentation
- **Seed Grant programming** (2 languages): Preliminary Round completed. Next Round underway.
- **New case studies and papers**
- **Team CITI certification and Internal Review Board (IRB) Application – Phase 1**

Key scope shifts:

- **Shifting** research papers earlier as IRB approvals and additional team onboarding occur.
- **Seed grant** refinements with a rolling submission, broader scope, expanded regional footprint and modes of outreach, information session(s), more partner outreach

KEY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Hosted a working group on seed grants and drop-in sessions for consortia

Preliminary outreach for student networking

Ongoing:

- **Seed Grant** programming
- **Outreach/Visibility** in new forums
- **Logic model/inclusion strategy, analytical framework, and terminology** refinements
- **Case briefings**
- **Planning for public and practitioner meetings**
- **Advanced literature reviews** with additional topics
- **Consultations** with fellow consortia, partners, technical experts and community members, as appropriate



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KEY OBSERVATIONS

Learning with this consortium is occurring across universities' Sponsored Research, Contracting and Human Subjects offices on multi-institutional arrangements.

First-time, individual adopters of CITI certification and IRBs, the SAM system, plus federal subawards and reporting **reflect a broadening of capacity-building/impact** through federal funding.

Communities that have been engaged in previous studies tied to nuclear facilities (which did not experience anticipated follow-through) may be **less inclined to reengage on nuclear subjects** for the near-term.

Open questions about **legacy management** of nuclear facilities and nuclear waste may require fuller public dialogue by DOE, before new consent-based siting considerations can be examined with some communities.



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ENGAGEMENT

- **Public conversations**
 - Ongoing for western states
 - Primarily as **open calls** with local partners
 - 1-day **conversations** focusing on critical feedback about better practices for processes
- **Conversations with communities of practice**



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NEXT STEPS

- Forum **events** and summer **papers**
- **Interviews** and **casework**
- **Seed Grant** programming
- Continued planning and analysis for public meetings
- Deeper engagement of **industry** and **public partners**





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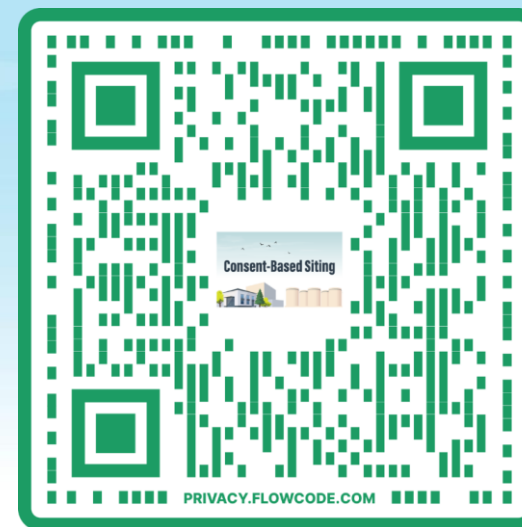
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