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# NOG-L Uranium Processing and Research Reactor Capabilities

- Supplier of Aluminum Clad, Plate-Type Fuel for the US High Performance Research and Test Reactors
- Manufactured Fuels for a Wide-Variety of Advanced Fuel Programs
  - Uranium Oxide
  - Uranium Alloy

- Uranium Carbide
- Uranium Oxi-Carbide
- Uranium Nitride
- Manufactured Coated-Particle Fuel Applications
  - Nuclear Rocket (SNTP)
  - Gas-Cooled Reactor
  - Space Electric Power
- Supplier of HEU/LEU
  Medical Isotope Targets



#### **NOG-L Current Advanced Fuel Work**

Manufacturer of LEU Fuel Blocks for the TREAT

Reactor



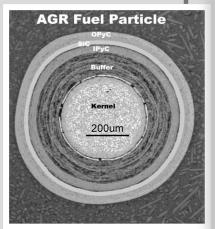
 Manufacturer of LEU U-Mo Monolithic Fuel for US High Performance Research and Test Reactors

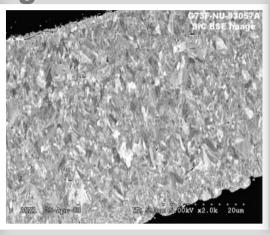




#### **NOG-L Current Advanced Fuel Work**

 Manufacturer of UCO TRISO Particles and Compacts for the AGR program







 Currently Manufacturing UCO TRISO Particles and Compacts for AGR 5/6/7 Experiments



## Challenges with Current Regulatory Framework

- Fuel performance demonstration and qualification comprise long duration research and development (R&D) task required for design and licensing
- Fuel form needs to be demonstrated and qualified for service conditions enveloping normal operation and potential accident scenarios
- No definitive Roadmap for transition from experimental to commercial fuel
- Current Approach is based on LWR experience



### **Challenges for Advanced Reactor Fuels**

- LEU Source Material-Greater than 5%
  - No US commercial Source
  - Various fuel forms are needed
- Shipping Container Licenses
- Nuclear Criticality Safety Modifications







Thank you

