# TERRESTRIAL ENERGY USA

### Leading the Way to a Bright Energy Future

Presentation to

#### **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

IMSR® Regulatory Engagement, Fuels and Materials Qualification, and Research Activities

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### **IMSR®** Technology Overview

- 442 MWth liquid fueled and cooled, thermal spectrum, graphite moderated, pool-type, molten fluoride salt reactor
- Hydrostatic operating pressure, 700 °C outlet, 620 °C inlet
- 195 MWe/44% thermal efficiency
- 600 °C liquid salt industrial heat supply
- Fuel enrichment <5%</li>
- 7-year fuel cycle length
- 56-year plant design life
- Black start capable
- Inherent and passive decay heat removal, indefinite coping time, no operator action required
- Capable of 10% per minute from 100% to 50% to 100% load following ramp rate



The Replaceable IMSR® Core-unit



#### **Licensing and Regulatory Engagement**

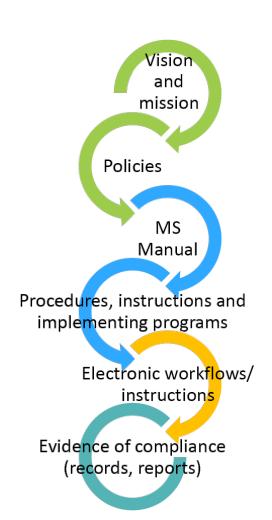
- Canadian CNSC Vendor Design Review (VDR)
  - IMSR® successfully completed Phase I in 2017
  - VDR Phase II is on schedule to complete in 2021
- US NRC regulatory engagement is underway
  - 10CFR52 Standard Design Approval of the IMSR® Core-unit
  - Prerequisite to 10CFR50 Construction Permit Application
- IMSR® is the subject of a joint CNSC/USNRC collaborative regulatory review by both agencies
  - Sharing of safety and licensing information, including data, methodologies, and evaluations on a broad spectrum of technical and licensing topics
  - Enables both regulators to leverage the work of the other in performing their country-specific regulatory activities
  - Opportunity to reduce regulatory burden in preparing applications for both the U.S. and Canada while maintaining country specific regulatory requirements





#### **Approach to Fuel and Materials Qualifications**

- IMSR® is fueled by a fluoride-based homogeneous liquid fuel salt
  - The MSRE proved that fluoride salts in a liquid fuel were invulnerable to both radiation and high temperatures during more than four years of operation
- Comprehensive advanced reactor design process is developed and in place
  - Defines the entire IMSR® technology development and qualification program
  - Encompasses all research, development, analysis, engineering, licensing, and testing
  - Leading to a fully designed, engineered, and licensed IMSR® nuclear power plant
- Basic Engineering for the IMSR® plant is on schedule for completion in 2021
- Establishes the system level technical details to enable moving into detailed engineering to support construction
- A "buy vs make" focused R&D program of validation and verification will be complete in 2024
  - Physics, Thermal Hydraulics, Materials, and Chemistry



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