

# Innovation in Nuclear Energy: A Daily Pursuit

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## Why Innovation?

- New technologies are driving digital transformation across the world and at our nuclear plants.
- Innovation is crucial for the future of nuclear energy.
- Digital transformation will improve safety, efficiency, and sustainability of our 24/7 clean, safe and reliable nuclear fleet.





# **Innovation in Training**

### **On-Demand Equipment Operator Training**

- Increases hands-on training
- Reduces cost of over-hiring
- Increases diversity



#### **Digital Training Processes**

- Paperless automated workflows
- Over 30 Software Apps
- Electronic Qualification
- Books, Labs and Scenarios



## Virtual Reality & Digital Plant Viewer

- Augments classroom training with in-plant experiences
- Hazard Free / Dose Free



### Learning Anytime Anywhere

- On demand video learning
- Proficiency & Just in Time Training
- Knowledge Transfer & Retention



### **Distance Learning Technology**

- Efficiently train fleetwide
- Reduces travel and cost
- Expands subject matter expertise to the fleet



## **Glasstop Simulators**

- Increases Simulator Availability
- Crane simulators
- Practice for proficiency





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# **Remote Inspections and Maintenance**





- Remote inspections and maintenance reduce radiation exposure for workers
- Drones and robots are being used to inspect nuclear plants
- Virtual and augmented reality technologies are being utilized for remote inspection and maintenance

One Plant Example:

- 200 drone inspections
- 3,000 person hours of work saved
- 18-person Rem of dose saved
- Mitigated industrial safety risks
- Integrated videos into digital plant viewer





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# **Digital Monitoring**

- New Wi-Fi technology to easily support connecting wireless sensor equipment allowing for separation between business network and sensor data
- Upgrades to plant historian software to support more robust visualization of data on more devices (PI Vision vs Process book)
- 3D Visualization with data overlays Digital Twin View
- PRISM provides analytic models for real time data and enables alerts for condition-based monitoring
- Mobile fire cart technology reducing Operations workload, by providing easily deployable fire sensors where needed
- DAS Backbone allows for easy installation and configuration of wireless sensors utilizing radio technology
- AI Smart camera technology to detect hazardous conditions
- Robotic technology for monitoring hazardous or hard to reach areas





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## **Artificial Intelligence in Nuclear Energy**



- Artificial intelligence is transforming the nuclear sector
- AI can optimize nuclear power plant operations
- AI can improve safety and reduce the risk of accidents



## **The Future of AI Across Generation**

The following features practical examples of how AI can be implemented across segments of Generation. These examples represent only a fraction of the possibilities that can be made possible through this foundational investment.

 Automated generation of management status reports

Convenient access to detailed
 equipment information in the field

**Operations** 

 Efficient field information access across multiple systems enabled by CoPilot search Automated work order planning

Maintenance

- Predictive analytics foresee and prevent potential failures
- Condition-based maintenance reduces scheduled preventative maintenance.
- Al-driven searches expedite troubleshooting with swift access to manuals, prints, and documents

- Engineering documents generated by AI
- AI-powered search for swift
  document retrieval

Engineering

- Holistic equipment health assessment across diverse digital systems
- Enhanced accuracy in AI equipment health monitoring through real-time data, corrective actions, observations, and scheduled tasks

 Streamlined data access and simplified reporting throughout the fleet

Corporate

- Enhance meeting efficiency with AI-generated summaries and automated scheduling
- Automatic performance data compilation from all sites, offering a comprehensive fleet view from multiple digital systems



## **Improved Employee Experience enabled by Artificial Intelligence**





## **Digital Modernization Overview**

- Partnership with the Department of Energy (DOE) LWR Sustainability Program& Idaho National Labs (INL)
- Upgrade of Safety systems from 1960's analog technology to state-of-the-art digital
- Update Main Control Room (MCR) to digital controls and display
- Single outage installation
- Leverage Advanced Regulatory & Design Processes
  - ISG-06 Alternate Review Process
  - EPRI Digital Engineering Guide
  - EPRI Digital Design Process
- Improved plant safety, reliability and operating costs
  - High-reliability digital system
  - Elimination of parts obsolescence issues
  - Improved control room operator interface
  - Reduced labor requirements enabled by automation

#### **Current Main Control Room Layout**



### Future Main Control Room Layout





## **Challenges to Innovation**

- Cyber and Physical Security
- Integration into existing plant instrumentation and infrastructure
- Knowledge and qualifications
- Cost
- Regulatory
- Change Management

