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(FNWP) COMMITTEE**

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# Agenda

1. **About Rep. Levin and California's 49<sup>th</sup> District**
2. **About Spent Nuclear Fuel Solutions Caucus**
3. **DOE's Consent-Based Siting Funding Opportunity Announcement**
4. **Discussion + Questions**

# About Rep. Levin and CA-49

1. **Home to San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS)**
  - 1,600 tons of spent nuclear fuel located just 100 feet from the Pacific Ocean
  - 9 million residents within 50 miles
  - On Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps' largest West Coast base
  - High seismic risk
  - Nestled along major rail and highway links
2. **Upon entering office in 2019, Rep. Levin convened a SONGS Task Force to help develop recommendations.**



# Spent Nuclear Fuel Solutions Caucus

***THE SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL SOLUTIONS (SNFS) CAUCUS IS A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO DRIVING PROGRESS ON THE SAFE STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.***

- This bipartisan caucus recognizes that we need new solutions, and we will engage with anyone on how best to break our current gridlock.
- The Caucus has 24 bipartisan Members.
- Have held Member-level meetings with officials from DOE, NRC, state agencies, and academia.

# DOE Consent-Based Siting Funding Opportunity Announcement

- In September 2022, DOE announced that it will be issuing a \$16 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (using funding secured by Rep. Levin) to support communities interested in learning more about consent-based siting.
- According to DOE, “[a]ward recipients will advance mutual learning within communities, facilitate access to information, and foster open discussions.”
- DOE plans to fund 6 to 8 geographically diverse awardees over a period of 18 to 24 months.
- This is NOT a request for proposals.

# Questions?

**Thank You!**

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