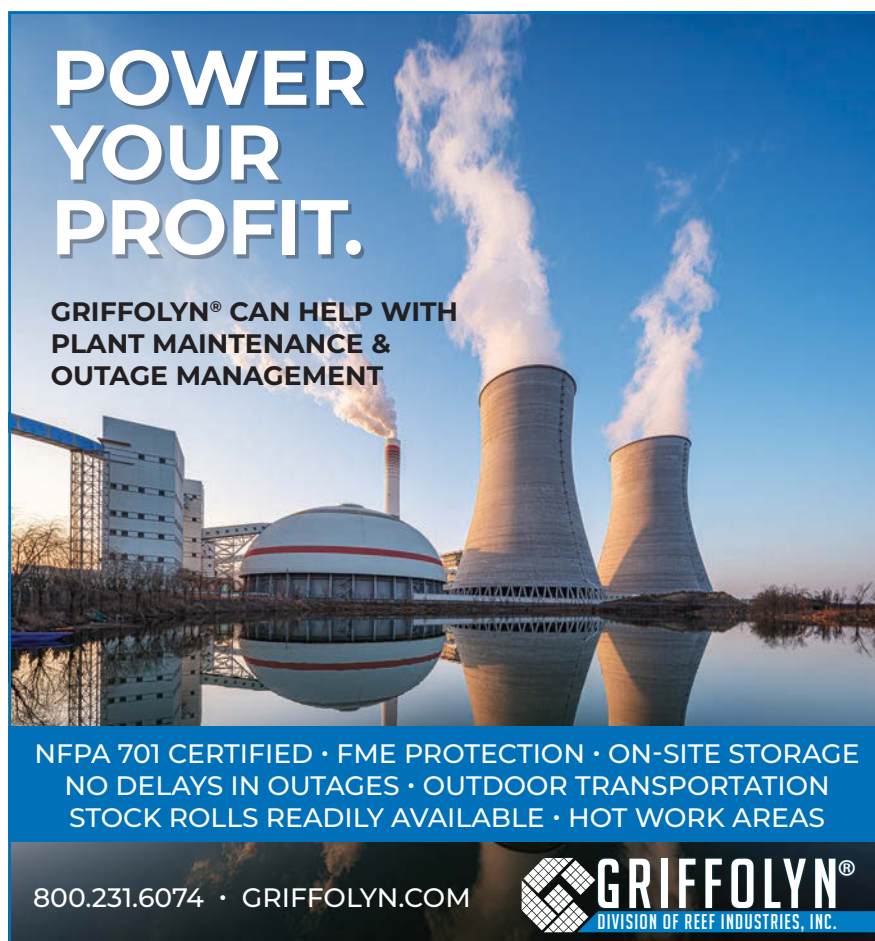


cool subject to learn more about. Seeing this kind of participation was heartening, because it took me back to when I was a college student five years ago and felt too afraid to speak up for nuclear.

Following the movie screening was a panel discussion, which featured Jerry Stephenson, SONGS decommissioning engineering manager; Mehdi Sarram, Iran's first nuclear engineer and a 60-year ANS member; and Christian Deck, a scientist at General Atomics. Moderating the talk was Katherine Partain, chair of ANS's San Diego Local Section and lead nuclear quality engineer at General Atomics. The presentations sparked a lively discussion during the Q&A as audience members offered their unique perspectives. Overall, the event was a great success.

As an ANS staffer, I highly encourage anyone and everyone to do fun nuclear things. Most of us have nuclear-skeptical or nuclear-curious friends and family members who might enjoy and greatly benefit from an experience like a nuclear power plant tour. Curiosity is the gateway to knowledge, and as nuclear professionals, we have a role to play in encouraging curiosity in others. By engaging with the community—whether at public meetings, through casual conversation, or during events like Nuclear Science Week—as representatives of the industry we have the power to inform and inspire others. ☒

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