



launched an initiative to explore ways to support nuclear development in states interested in nuclear energy policy. NGA has provided two-day, in-state nuclear convenings in six states and a regional New England partnership to explore nuclear's role in each state's energy planning.

The **Western Governors' Association** unveiled its 2025–2026 Chair Initiative, led by Utah Gov. Cox—a yearlong endeavor exploring nuclear and other energy opportunities in the West.

More state activity

In addition to Iowa's potential restart of Duane Arnold Energy Center, Pennsylvania is on track to reopen Crane Clean Energy Center (formally Three Mile Island-1) by 2027—a development supported by a 20-year power purchase agreement with Microsoft. Moreover, Palisades in Michigan has officially changed from decommissioning to operating status. State support and various state and

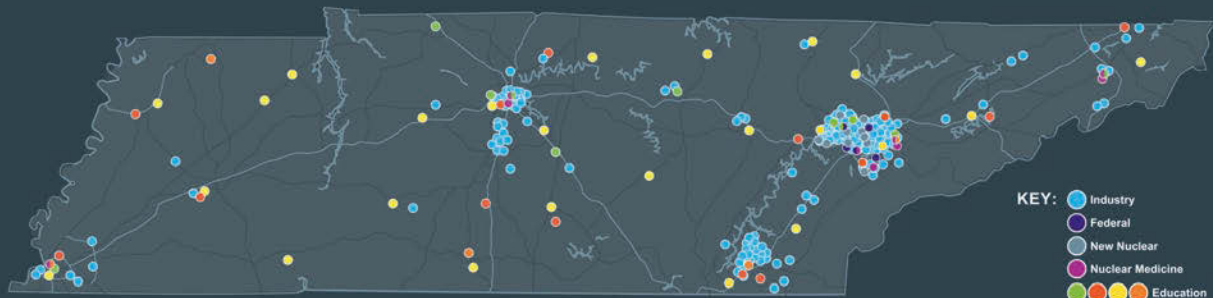
local approvals are required to bring these plants back on line.

As states confront rising electricity demand driven by data centers, domestic manufacturing, and broad electrification efforts, nuclear energy has become a practical necessity. The bipartisan surge of support for nuclear power shows that states understand what's at stake: reliable, affordable, carbon-free energy that offers economic growth for states and communities for decades. It's clear that 2026 is shaping up to be another pivotal year for nuclear energy. State policymakers and regulators are laying the groundwork needed to turn broad conversations into actionable projects. States that commit to that path now will shape America's energy landscape for generations. ✕

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