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Final Agenda
The Energy Council®'s
2026 Annual Meeting
September 24 - 26, 2026
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Thursday, September 24, 2026

5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
(Spanish Gardens)

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:30 a.m. **Welcome Breakfast and Welcome Remarks**
(Alvarado EFGH)

The Honorable Chris Turner
Louisiana House of Representatives and
Chairman, The Energy Council®

The Honorable Ed Cooper
Wyoming Senator and
Chairman, CLEER

The Honorable Craig Brandt
New Mexico Senate and
Vice President for the Annual Meeting

8:15 a.m. **Keynote Address**

The Honorable Howie Morales
Lt. Governor
State of New Mexico

8:45 a.m. Break

9:00 a.m. **Integration & Consolidation of the Nuclear Life Cycle**

Mr. Tom Mason
Project Director / Business Development Principal
Amentum, Energy & Environment, Nuclear Projects

Friday, September 25, 2026 *(Cont'd)*

- 9:30 a.m. **Powering the Digital Economy: Energy Planning for Data Center Growth**
(Alvarado EFGH)
- Mr. Doug Lewin
Energy Market Development, Texas Lead
Google
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Produced Water/Energy-Water Nexus**
- Dr. Zachary Stoll
Assistant Director
New Mexico Produced Water Research Consortium
- Dr. Chad Unrau
V.P. Beneficial Reuse
Western Midstream
- 11:15 a.m. **Scaling Fusion from Research to Industry**
- Mr. Matt Pahl
New Mexico External Relations Lead
Pacific Fusion
- 11:45 a.m. **Governor's Address**
- The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor
State of New Mexico
- Noon Adjourn General Session
- 12:15 p.m. **UAB Seminar: University Partnerships Supporting Energy Development**
- Dr. Toni Pendergrass
President
San Juan College
- Ms. Alicia Corbell
Dean of the School of Energy
San Juan College
- 2:00 p.m. **Limited Capacity Tour to Sandia National Laboratories**

Friday, September 25, 2026 *(Cont'd)*

- 5:30 p.m. **Buses Depart for Balloon Fiesta Park**
- 6:00 p.m. **Balloon Glow and Photos** *(weather permitting)*
- 7:15 p.m. **Closing Night Dinner with Baila! Baila! Dance Academy**
- 9:00 p.m. **Buses Return to Hotel** *(buses will not return to hotel until end of event)*

Saturday, September 26, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Available *(Alvarado EFGH)*
- 8:00 a.m. **Midstream Electricity Use**

Mr. Aiden Smith
Strategic Power Solutions Manager
ONEOK
- 8:30 a.m. **Energy Security & Affordability for the Tribal Nations and Beyond**

Chairwoman Brenda Jesus
The Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee
- 9:00 a.m. **The NAV Energy HUB**

Ms. Kimberly Flowers
President
NavEnergy, Subsidiary of NTEC
- 9:30 a.m. **The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Updates**

Ms. Julie Linck
Chief of Staff
EPA Region 7
- 10:00 a.m. **New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Transmission Update**

Commissioner Greg Nibert
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- 10:30 a.m. Break

Saturday, September 26, 2026 *(Cont'd)*

10:45 a.m. **Geothermal Development and Deployment**
(Alvarado EFGH)

Ms. Rebecca Puck Stair
Director, Conservation and Management Division
New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

11:15 a.m. **National Lab Update**

Mr. Chris Stanek
Scientist
Los Alamos National Laboratory

11:45 p.m. **The Energy Council® and CLEER Business Meetings and CLEER
Program Advisory Board Meeting**

1:15 p.m. Adjourn

2026 Annual Meeting
September 24-26, 2026
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Speakers Synopses
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Produced Water/Energy-Water Nexus

Dr. Zachary Stoll
Assistant Director
New Mexico Produced Water Research Consortium

Our hope is that legislators leave with the understanding that produced water treatment is no longer simply a research question: it is a policy question that should be informed by transparent data and rigorous, independent science. The NMPWRC and its partners have made substantial progress in characterizing produced water, evaluating pilot-scale treatment performance, and demonstrating that treated produced water has not exhibited adverse effects in biological and environmental systems evaluated to date. At the same time, continued investment in long-term demonstration projects and science-based regulatory development is essential to address remaining questions surrounding long-term performance, reliability, and implementation at scale. More broadly, advancing produced water and other alternative water supplies will require sustained collaboration among researchers, regulators, industry, communities, and policymakers to build the scientific foundation, public confidence, and regulatory frameworks needed to responsibly expand our future water portfolio.

The NAV Energy HUB

Ms. Kimberly Flowers
President
NavEnergy, Subsidiary of NTEC

NTEC, Navajo Transitional Energy Company, was created by the Navajo Nation to ensure the Nation's Sovereignty through ownership and control of its energy resources. NTEC is charged with responsible deployment of the Nation's natural resources - land, water, coal, gas, minerals, etc. - to drive economic stability for multiple generations of Navajo citizens. Building on the success of the core mining business, NavEnergy is a new subsidiary of NTEC that will develop a diverse portfolio of energy generation and transmission assets to ensure reliable, dispatchable, low-cost energy with the highest level of economic responsibility.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Updates

Ms. Julie Linck
Chief of Staff
EPA Region 7

EPA Region 7 Chief of Staff Julie Linck will discuss EPA's recent NEPA proposal that tackles the most widely recognized and bipartisan criticisms of the NEPA review process. When NEPA works smarter — clear, fast, and faithful to the law — communities get both a healthier environment and a stronger economy.

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Transmission Update

Commissioner Greg Nibert
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Electric power is taking an increased role in total energy demand in the United States. The increased electrical demand follows decades of stagnant or slight growth. Demand growth comes from a variety of sectors, not just data centers. Reshoring manufacturing, electrification of transportation, and increased household and business demand are straining the grid. The electric transmission system must be expanded and upgraded to deliver electricity reliably and economically. Many national studies have recognized the growing need. Utilities and regional transmission authorities have studied, planned for and are making substantial investments in transmission to meet the demand and the changing nature of generation and distribution to allow power to be available when needed. State policies play a big role in whether transmission projects will be timely approved and ready for service when the demand is realized.

Geothermal Development and Deployment

Ms. Rebecca Puck Stair
Director, Conservation and Management Division
New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Drilling for heat differs from drilling for oil & gas. And the final product — electricity — sells into a vastly different market: our electric grid. This means geothermal is unique in its exploration, development, financing, and cycle.

National Lab Update

Mr. Chris Stanek
Scientist
Los Alamos National Laboratory

This is the most exciting time for nuclear energy since the advent of the nuclear reactor. Relying on National Laboratories such as Los Alamos and Sandia to accelerate the deployment of advanced nuclear reactors and technology is crucial. Public-private partnerships that leverage National Lab expertise in relevant areas such as nuclear experiments and materials, reactor design and safeguards should all be high priority.



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