



NRIC Maritime Overview

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Accomplishments Over the Past Year

Published ABS Task 1 "Road Map for the Development of Commercial Maritime Applications of Advanced Nuclear Technology".

Completed DOE Review of ABS Task 2-1, 2-2, and 3 and the MNAG Regulatory Landscape Paper.

- "Configurations of Commercial Advanced Nuclear-Maritime Applications"
- "Report on Potential Challenges and Impacts of Advanced Nuclear-Maritime Applications in the U.S."
- "Readiness Report for DOE Support of Maritime-related Demonstration Projects of Advanced Nuclear Technology"
- "Introductory Review of the Maritime Nuclear Regulatory Landscape"

Conducted 4 MNAG Quarterlies, 11 Working Group Meetings, 1 Maritime/O&G Joint Industry Project Workshop, and supported 1 IAEA Symposium on FNPP's.



Z Scoping

- Fixed/non-propulsion or mobile/propulsion (i.e. where a nuclear reactor is used to directly propel a vessel).
- Fixed (intended for a fixed location), transportable (can be moved, used onsite), or mobile (can be used on the go).
- Depending on the context and purpose, other taxonomies may also apply.

Maritime Nuclear Applications



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Portion of an Example Taxonomy from American Bureau of Shipping work funded by DOE-NE iFOA



Maritime Nuclear Application Group (MNAG)

Opportunities for presentations and discussions on a wide crosscut of topics.

NRIC Activities for Education & Public Awareness & **Engagement Strategies** ABS Task 3 Update-Advanced Nuclear Technology MNAG Report -Introductory Review of the Maritime Nuclear Regulatory Landscape

Readiness Report for DOE Support of Maritime-related Demonstration Projects of

- Report Intro Ship Motion Test Facility - Engineering Requirements / Cost Estimate
- MNAG Report Intro -Economic, Environmental, and Social Considerations of Maritime Applications of Nuclear Technology
- Report Results Ship Motion Test Facility – **Engineering Requirements** / Cost Estimate
- MNAG Report Results -Economic and Public Acceptance of Maritime Applications of Nuclear Technology

SNL

- DOE Award to ABS & NRIC: Advanced Nuclear Maritime **Demonstration Projects** Summary of Research (ABS).
- Security for FNPPs

ABS

- DOE Hydrogen Earthshot
- ABS Global Forum and House Nuclear Caucus Recap
- ABS Task 3 Update-Readiness Report for DOE Support of Maritime-related Demonstration Projects of Advanced Nuclear Technology
- ABS Task 4 Update -Develop Guidance for Addressing Key Technical, Regulatory, Safety/Security, and Policy Issues for Maritime Demonstration Projects
- Public Perception of **Nuclear Energy**
- DOE Award to ABS & NRIC: Advanced Nuclear Maritime **Demonstration Projects** Summary of Research

Core Power

- DOE Hydrogen Earthshot RFI
- **UK Regulatory Update:** Consultation on the draft merchant/nuclear ships regulations 2021
- **UK Regulatory** Developments
- Core Powe Update -**Emergency Planning Zones** in Maritime Applications

MPR Associates

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Edmund

Green Corridors / Clydebank Declaration

ORNL

Regulatory Framework for Nuclear and Maritime Security.

NRC

Regulatory Considerations for Maritime Nuclear

Social/Environmental WG

 Major announcements/ news from COP 2021

Zeno Power

Liability Issues for Maritime Nuclear

INL

Offshore O&G Nuclear Workshop – Joint Industry Project

DOE-EERE

Interagency Maritime Decarbonization R&D **Working Group**

MARAD

Regulatory Landscape for deploying "novel" marine technologies in the U.S.

Morgan Lewis

- Commercial Maritime Applications for Advanced Reactors - Onshore vs. Commercial maritime domestic/international
- Nuclear Liability for FNPPs in U.S. Waters

Gard

Overview of Marine Liability Insurance

Department of State on the Directorate of **Defense Trade** Controls (DDTC)

International Traffic in **Arms Regulations**





Public Acceptance



Financial



Total Participants ~175 members



Rapidly Expanding Landscape -**MNAG Participants**































































CORE POWER















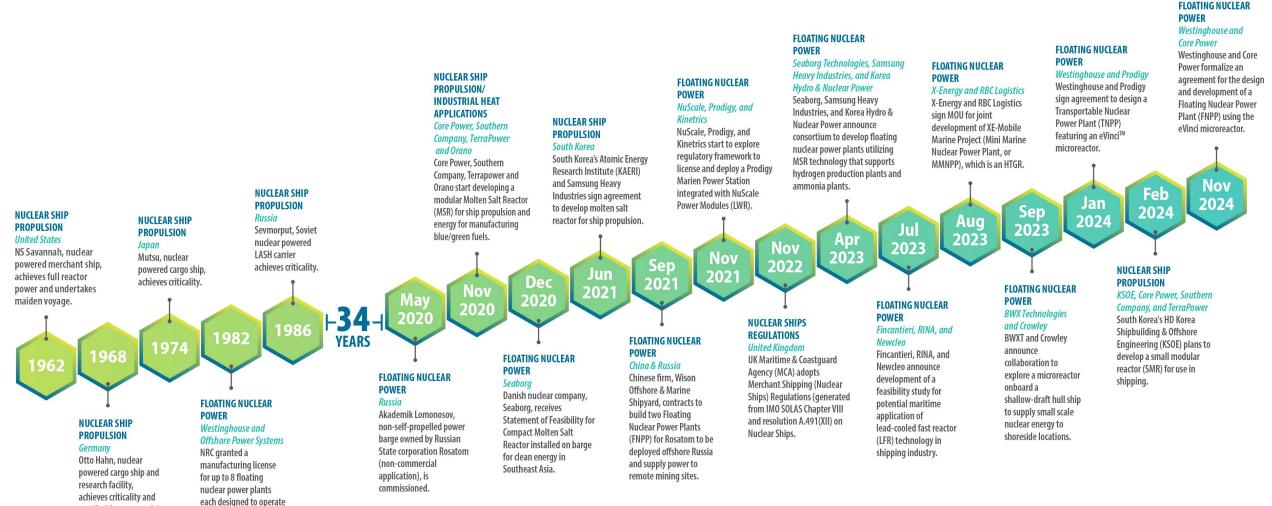








Civilian Efforts up to 2024





certified for commercial

freight transport.

at 3,411 megawatts

thermal.

Table 1 Revenue Differences for a Nuclear Ship compared to Baseline Fossil Fueled Ship¹

Difference	% Change in Revenue
Speed of Ship at Sea	+8.2%
Cargo Capacity in Weight	+0.3%
Outage Time for Refueling	-4.6%
Overall Effect	3.5%

These conclusions are specifically tied to the assumptions made in Appendices 8.1.2 and 8.1.3, and the specific scenario
examined, which are meant to reflect one potential use case of nuclear shipping. Different ships, outage scenarios, and routes,
and cargo would lead to varying conclusions.



Required Breakeven Maritime Nuclear Reactor OCC (\$/kWe) **Expected Maritime** Nuclear OCC Ranges Unadjusted ITC + LR 10 YR PTC + LR \$2,250 \$0 \$0 \$11,750 \$12,500 \$5,500 Carbon Tax \$21,500 \$41,000 \$36,500

Figure 1 Breakeven nuclear plant OCC diagram for synthetic maritime fuel production



Electricity Generation in Remote Community

Required Breakeven Maritime Nuclear Reactor OCC (\$/kWe)



Figure 2 Breakeven nuclear plant OCC diagram for remote community electricity production



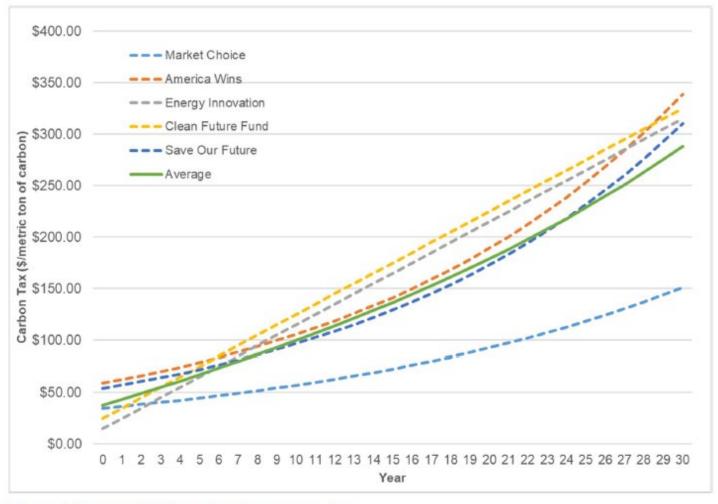


Figure 4 Proposed U.S. carbon taxes, over time



Economic Considerations

Tax Incentives

Capital Intensive and FOAK

Modularity and Shipbuilding Practices

Flexible Deployment

Operational Differences

Nuclear Security and Perception

Revenue Difference for Nuclear Ships

Breakeven OCC's



Environmental Impacts and Public Perception



REVERSE COLD IRONING



POLLUTION AND RADIATION RISKS DURING OPERATION



DECOMMISSIONING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



JOB CREATION



RELIABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY



Z R&D Path Forward

What reactor technologies can best be applied to various maritime applications?

To what extent can
Modeling and Simulation
(ModSim) be used to test
advanced reactor designs
for maritime
applications?

What phenomena needs to be evaluated for maritime applications?

What physical tests need to be developed to supplement ModSim testing?

What needs to be modified for land-based reactors to be leveraged for maritime applications?



Regulatory Path Forward

How do you define a site for maritime applications and what are the regulatory jurisdictional requirements for various waters?

How should safety, security, safeguards, and liability be applied to maritime applications? What guidance can the NRC provide to nuclear developers seeking to develop reactor offerings for maritime applications?

What broader regulatory frameworks need to be developed to license nuclear reactors for maritime applications?

What broader regulatory frameworks need to be developed for international deployments of nuclear reactors for maritime applications?



Z Finance Path Forward

How can nuclear project risks be clarified and mitigated for first-movers within the maritime industry seeking to deploy advanced reactors?

What are the opportunities for cost reductions for maritime nuclear applications?

What should be the liability coverage for maritime nuclear applications?

How can a demonstration program de-risk commercial opportunities for maritime nuclear applications?



Public Acceptance Path Forward

What lexicon should be used in both the nuclear and maritime industry to aid in multidisciplinary development?

Are there key messages that industry partners should leverage to increase buy-in from the coastal communities, investors, interest groups, and government partners?

How should key messages be conveyed to stakeholders to achieve broad consensus for demonstrating and deploying advanced nuclear reactors for maritime applications?



Z National Security Path Forward

What public safety impacts could maritime nuclear applications have in the event of a catastrophic threat and what guidance can be provide to developer to enable 3S by design?

What infrastructure needs to be modernized to support maritime nuclear applications?

How could the development of these technologies aid a country with using nuclear reactors for military applications?

What proliferation risks exist with these technologies for countries seeking to develop a nuclear weapons program?







DOE IFOA to ABS & NRIC: Advanced Nuclear Maritime Demonstration Projects

Jorge Segovia 04/03/2025

Award Number: DE-NE0009226Update to NRIC Program Review

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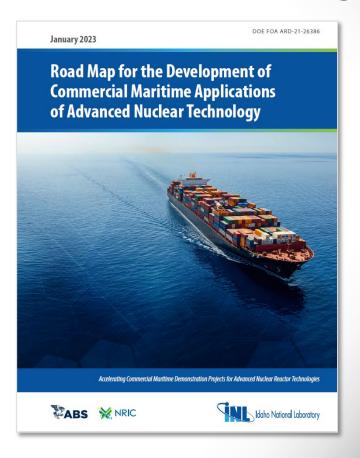


Overall Project Schedule

	Year 1							Year 2																
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Task 1: Develop Demonstration Project Pathways and Business Case																								
Deliverable 1-1: Road Map for the Development of Commercial Maritime Applications of Advanced Nuclear Technology						D																		
Task 2: Develop Models of Various Advanced Reactor Technologies Integrated with Maritime Applications																								
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Deliverable 2-2: Report on Potential Barriers and Impacts of Advanced Nuclear-Maritime Applications in the U.S.																D								
Task 3: Assess and Enhance DOE Readiness for Demos																								
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Deliverable 4-1: Overcoming Barriers to Nuclear-Maritime Demonstrations																								D



Task 1 Summary





Task 1 – Key Takeaways

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Task 1 – Key Takeaways: Regulatory Gap Analysis

	Activity or Milestone	Description (jurisdiction, authority, etc.)	Gaps – what may need to be addressed?
Nuclear	Experimental Reactor License	DOE	Does not allow commercial applications
Technology	Commercial Reactor License	NRC	Reactor Design Certification, Operating License, Manufacturing License, Fueled Reactor transportation, physical protection systems
Marine Technology	Equipment Certification	Recognized Organization	Does not typically cover nuclear reactors
	Classification Approval	Classification Society	Missing or lacking Rules for Nuclear Vessels/Offshore Structures
	Statutory Approval	Flag State	Missing or lacking Rules for Nuclear Vessels/Offshore Structures
Location-Based Regulatory	Territorial Waters & Internal Waters	National Authority, Local Authority	Issues involving or allowances of nuclear material and reactors
Milestones:	EEZ Waters	National Authority	Issues involving or allowances of nuclear material and reactors
	International Waters	Enforced by member states	Missing or lacking updated rules for Nuclear Vessels/Offshore Structures (Beyond SOLAS Chapter VIII) [58]
	Transport of Nuclear Fuel	Applicable transportation authority	Covered under the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code of the IMO
	Transport of fueled reactor	Applicable transportation authority	Missing or lacking updated rules for transporting reactors carrying unused or partially used nuclear materials
Application-Based Regulatory	Power to Nearby Offshore Installations	Specific requirements for integration	Missing or lacking Rules for Nuclear Vessels/Offshore Structures
Milestones:	Power Self-Consumption Onboard (integrated with marine systems)		Missing or lacking Rules for Nuclear Vessels/Offshore Structures

Complete Gap Analysis provided in Deliverable 1-1



Task 1 – Key Takeaways: 2050 Demand

Application	Potential 2050 Demand
Port Producing Electricity	+3 to 5 ports powered by advanced nuclear power
Land-Based Heat and Synthetic Fuels	+ 35 to 70 million metric tonnes of hydrogen production powered by advanced nuclear power
Floating Data Center	+ 9 to 35 advanced nuclear powered floating data centers
Floating Power for Coastal Energy	+ 1 to 2GW advanced nuclear powered floating black-start capacity
Offshore Synthetic Fuel	2.5 to 5 million metric tonnes of floating hydrogen production powered by advanced nuclear power
Floating Desalination	+2 to 6 floating advanced nuclear powered desalination plants by 2050 in U.S.
U.S. Commercial Ship Propulsion	+5 to 11 U.S. ships using advanced nuclear propulsion
Global Commercial Ship Propulsion	+328 to 820 global ships using advanced nuclear propulsion (including U.S. vessels)

Other Information Summarized:

- History of Maritime-Nuclear Applications,
 Commercial and Navy
- Summary of Decarbonization Drivers
- Potential Benefits of Nuclear Power for Maritime Applications
- Introduction to Potential Barriers or Issues
- Introduction to INL Facilities and Demonstration
 Capabilities
- Proposed Milestones for Demonstration in Nuclear and Maritime Industries
- Key aspects of Regulatory Landscape: Social License, Location, Nuclear Use

Complete 2050 Demand Estimate provided in Deliverable 1-1, including assumptions used





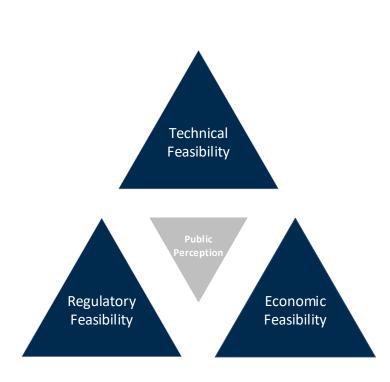


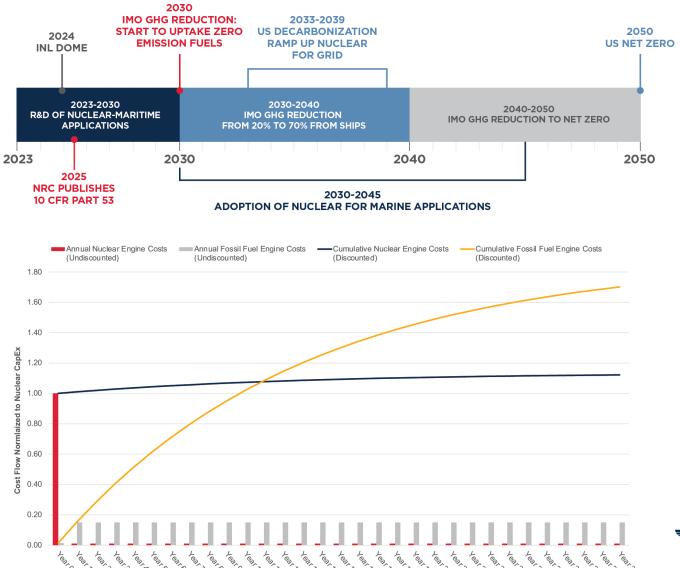
Task 2 – Key Takeaways: Deliverable 2-1

- Introduction to Technical, Regulatory, and Economic Feasibility Requirements
- Proposed / Expected Timelines
- Introduction to Advanced Reactor Technology and Types of Reactors
- Techno-economic Evaluation and Example Configurations
 - Nuclear Power for Synthetic Fuel Production
 - Nuclear Propulsion for Ships
- Appendices for Additional Information
 - Details of Technical Criteria for Marine Applications
 - Introduction to Nuclear Energy
 - Additional Regulatory Information for Targeted U.S. States
 - Additional Information of U.S. Agencies
 - Details of Nuclear-Maritime Economic Evaluations



Task 2 – Key Takeaways: Deliverable 2-1







Task 2 – Key Takeaways: Technology Suitability

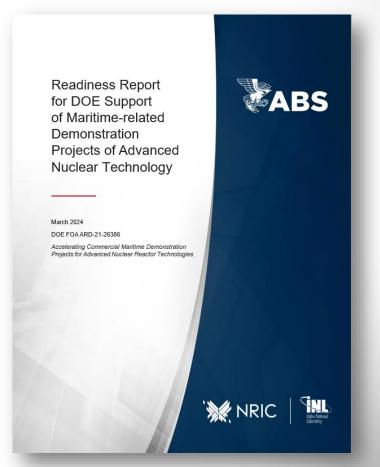
Reactor Size	Fixed Land/coast	Fixed offshore only	Fixed offshore w/ onshore grid coupling	Mobile local	Mobile international
Large (> 300 MWe)	✓			×	×
SMR (< 300 MWe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Micro (< 20 MWe)				✓	✓
Reactor Type					
Light Water Reactor (LWR)	✓				
Sodium Fast Reactor (SFR)	✓			×	×
Lead Fast Reactor (LFR)					
High-Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR)	✓	✓	✓		
Fluoride High-Temperature Reactor (FHR)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Molten Salt Reactor (MSR)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heat Pipe Reactor (HPR)	✓			✓	✓

Example Potential Barriers – D2-2 Table 1 (shortened for viewing)

Key Barrier	Technical Issues	Regulatory Issues	Economic Issues
Security, Non- Proliferation & Export Control	 Design for security and non-proliferation risks Direct attack or sabotage may involve potentially severe technical consequences to the unit and to future designs or applications. 	·	 Direct attack or sabotage may have severe economic repercussions on the industry beyond just the vessel or marine unit. Security arrangements/personnel may increase costs.
Nuclear Licensing	 May require re-design or additional testing or demonstration efforts. 	 Licensing effort may be challenging and delayed for new or unique technologies or applications. 	May be costly for new technology or applications
Demonstration and Testing	Specific maritime nuclear testing equipment and platforms may need to be developed.	 New material may require code case for standardization. 	 May involve developing new codes or standards, increasing the overall costs of the application.
Business Case	 High upfront (CAPEX) costs Development potentially restricted if engineering solutions do not show as economically feasible. 	 Policy or regulations may affect regional & global market landscapes. Sustainable carbon pricing schemes/policy may not incorporate nuclear power for maritime applications. 	 Failure to understand or estimate economic factors appropriately may potentially involve severe consequences to owners/investors.
Nuclear Waste, Decommissioning & Vessel Recycling	 Maintenance and servicing may require specialized and complex remote handling equipment due to shutdown radiation fields. 	 Unclear on regional and international waste management. Potentially restrictive to implement or approve if no arrangement for transport or long-term waste disposal is available. 	 Arrangements for transport or disposal may be prohibitively costly to implement.
Supply Chain and Fuel Availability	 Supply chain for other advanced materials and plant components may not be developed or available. 	 HALEU availability. Regulations related to trade may restrict supply chains and material or parts availability. 	 The supply chain for advanced materials may be expensive.
Support Infrastructure	Shipyards and ports may not be suitable to handle nuclear material.	 Gaps in nuclear or maritime regulations may cause issues when technology interfaces with infrastructure and land-based support efforts. 	 Crew and personnel may not be trained; potential rising costs of personnel.
Public Policy/Public Acceptance Barriers	 Negative public perception may reduce number of dedicated engineers and technicians interested in supporting the development of the technology. 	 Negative public perception may result in restrictive transport or trade policy or regulations regionally or globally. 	 Negative public perception may limit investment opportunities.









Task 3 – Key Takeaways: Approach

Gathering Information:

1. Information Needs Request Form No. 1

- Target: Maritime/Offshore Industries
- Request: Information on what testing will be needed for maritime-nuclear applications

2. Information Needs Request Form No. 2

- Target: U.S. National Laboratories and U.S. University Nuclear Laboratory Facilities
- Request: Information on capabilities that could support maritime-nuclear application demonstration testing

All Necessary Information

- Testing Needs Not Addressed by U.S. Laboratories (Constraints)
- Testing Needs Not Addressed in the Report

Nuclear Testing and Analysis Capabilities

- U.S. National Laboratories
- U.S. Nuclear Universities

Testing
Needs
Addressed
by U.S. Labs
(Opportunities)

Maritime Needs for Testing and Demonstration

- IndustryStakeholders
- Reactor Vendors
- MaritimeCompanies

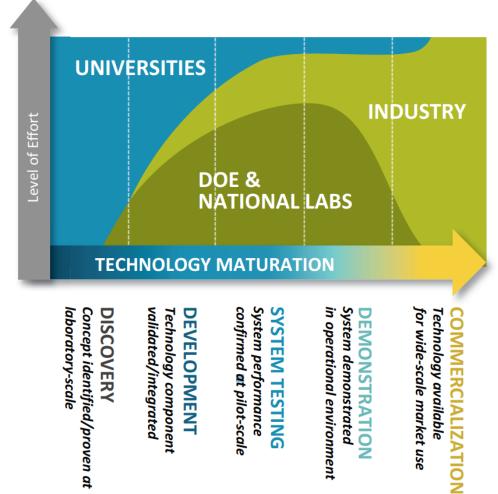


Task 3 – Key Takeaways

Testing Needs Addressed by U.S. Laboratories and Nuclear Universities

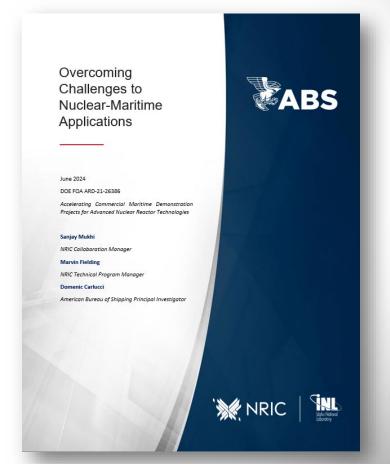
Review of Capabilities for:

- Reactor Operations under Severe Conditions
- Alarm Systems
- Fire Safety
- Physical Scenario Analysis
- Materials and Chemical Tests
- Reactor Operations in Marine Environment
- Non-Destructive Examination (NDE)
- Security
- General Research (Other)











Task 4 Approach – Addressing Barriers

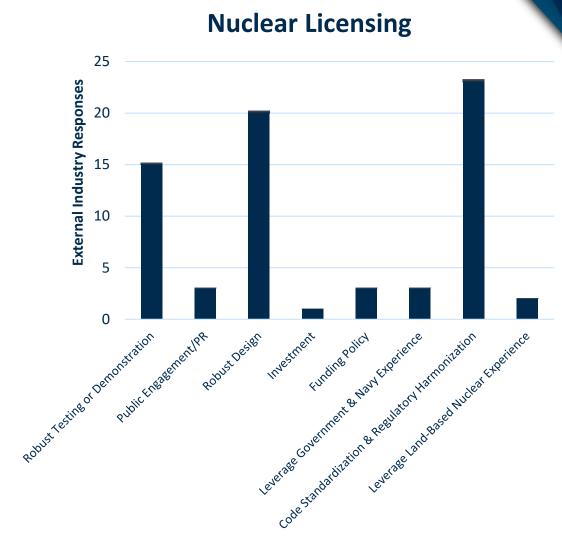
Responses typically fall under one or more categories to overcome potential barriers or issues to adoption:





Task 4 Deliverable

- Summarize and describe potential barriers to advancing nuclear-maritime technology and novel applications
 - Consider both U.S. and International barriers
- Provide Recommendations to Address Key Barriers
 - Summary of Solicited Input from Industry **Experts**
 - Literature review of other identified approaches to address barriers
 - Prioritization of recommendations and actions to address barriers
- Conclusion and Recommendations for Future Work





Project Next Steps

Complete and Submit Task 4
 Deliverable

 Support the Publication of Deliverables through June 2025

Support marketing of publications

 Continue future projects referenced in the final deliverable report



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