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Announcing World Nuclear Energy Day 2021

[WEST CHESTER, PA - December 2, 2021] - This year, while historic for many reasons, marks the 2nd annual celebration of nuclear energy and the people who make it happen. Known as World Nuclear Energy Day, this global celebration honors the frontline nuclear workers who keep the lights on and facilities operating amid the pandemic. As nuclear power is known to be a leading source of clean energy across the globe, this day aims to remind us that healthy energy enables healthy lives. World Nuclear Energy Day 2021 is designed to celebrate the inspirational commitment of people involved in the nuclear energy sector during the pandemic, often thanklessly and tirelessly working to keep the lights on, heating and cooling operational and the smooth operation of essential nuclear facilities.

When is World Nuclear Energy Day?

December 2nd was chosen as World Nuclear Energy Day in recognition of both the first date for self-sustaining chain reaction and also the date of the start-up of the first USA electric power reactor. Fermi's first nuclear reactor named the Chicago Pile-1 became the first to create a self-sustaining chain reaction on December 2, 1942. In addition, the first USA power reactor in Shippingport, Pennsylvania also went critical on December 2nd, 1957; exactly 15 years later on the same day. This year, we celebrate the inaugural World Nuclear Energy Day event on a worldwide basis to show that some challenges need to be met with a global response.

What happens on World Nuclear Energy Day?

The theme for World Nuclear Energy Day 2021 is "Nuclear In The Neighborhood"! There are many forms of #nuclearenergy that have a positive impact on humanity and the environment across the globe. This worldwide event intends to raise awareness of the various types of nuclear and the benefits it provides in your proximity. This year's theme and hashtag is #NuclearInTheNeighborhood and we look forward to learning about nuclear near you. To get involved with the celebrations held December 2nd (in-person or virtual) join the current sponsors of this event which include notable global nuclear industry leaders as shown on www.WorldNuclearEnergyDay.org web site.

For more information, please visit www.worldnuclearenergyday.org. To join the celebration on social media, use the hashtag #WorldNuclearEnergyDay

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