Uranium and nuclear experts speaking in Virginia

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Because Virginia could play a key role in the "nuclear energy renaissance" and has a large undeveloped uranium deposit in Pittsylvania County, industry experts plan to share information and promote nuclear energy at four Virginia university campuses next week.

Mark Hollenbeck — a uranium mining expert with Powertech Company — and Natalie Wood — an engineer with Entergy — will "stimulate discussion about the future of nuclear power in Virginia," according to a news release from Clean Energy America.

The Clean Energy America speakers will visit Virginia Commonwealth University on Monday, James Madison University on Tuesday, Liberty University on Sept. 22 and Virginia Tech on Sept. 23. The Nuclear Energy Institute sponsors CEA.

Nuclear energy currently accounts for 38 percent of the state's electricity output compared to a national average of about 20, the release continued.

Dominion filed a license application to build one reactor in Louisa County. Two other nuclear projects are in development in Virginia, including a new manufacturing and engineering facility in Newport News to supply reactor vessels, steam generators and pressurizers.

Virginia Uranium Inc. seeks to mine and mill a 119-million-pound uranium ore deposit at Coles Hill in Pittsylvania County. Uranium fuels nuclear plants.

For more information about the meetings visit, www.cleanenergy4america.org. and click on the calendar of events.

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