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2019 Decommissioning Strategy Forum Announces Second Co-Location Partnership with the Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training (RCNET)

The annual Decommissioning Strategy Forum brings together hundreds of industry and government attendees to connect on and leave with clear tactics to apply to nuclear power plant decommissioning strategies. The Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training (RCNET) is co-locating their annual professional meeting with the 2019 Decommissioning Strategy Forum this June in Nashville, TN.

Rockville, MD – March 28, 2019 – The **Decommissioning Strategy Forum** (a Forum produced by the ExchangeMonitor Publications & Forums) is excited to announce a strategic [partnership](#) for the 2019 event with the Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training (RCNET).

The partnership provides an opportunity for industry professionals attending the Forum to come face-to-face with the educators and students who represent the future of the nuclear decommissioning industry. The **2019 Decommissioning Strategy Forum** is taking place June 17-18, 2019 at The Westin in Nashville, TN and RCNET will co-locate their annual professional meeting following the Forum on June 19.

“We are so excited that this partnership allows us to gain the perspective of RCNET as both attendees and speakers for the Forum,” said Nancy Berlin, Program Coordinator at ExchangeMonitor. “The decommissioning industry recognizes the necessity of reaching the next generation of professionals, and this co-location helps us to facilitate that connection.”

“A safe, skilled, and educated local workforce pipeline has become a critical element to the health of local ecosystems across the nation and

the nuclear industry has repeatedly led the way in creating such a talent pool," said Dr. Kevin Cooper, Principal Investigator of RCNET, a National Science Foundation Center focused on nuclear technical training. "Now as decommissioning gains in value across the nuclear landscape, it is vital to focus on a targeted nuclear workforce pipeline focusing on the specifics of decommissioning. This exciting partnership between RCNET, NEI, and Exchange Monitor is a great step forward in ensuring such a pipeline."

The second annual **Decommissioning Strategy Forum** allows attendees to learn how to capitalize on opportunities in the nuclear decommissioning market. Join hundreds of industry and government attendees to make important connections and leave with clear tactics to apply to your decommissioning strategies. This year's program will explore the theme ***Driving Efficiency in Today's Evolving Decommissioning Marketplace***. Each session will include both a utility and supplier perspective. Confirmed speakers include:

- **Maria Korsnick**, President and CEO, *NEI*
- **Vince Bilvosky**, Deputy Decommissioning Officer, *Southern California Edison*
- **John Matthews**, Partner, *Morgan Lewis*
- **Gregory H. Halnon**, Vice President Nuclear Regulatory Affairs and President & Chief Nuclear Officer, *GPU Nuclear FirstEnergy*
- **Rod McCullum**, Senior Director, Fuel and Decommissioning Programs, *NEI*
- **Larry Camper**, USNRC Retired, *Nuclear Safety Consultant Talisman International LLC*
- **Chip Cameron**, President, *Zero Gravity Group*
- **Pamela Gorman-Prochaska**, Director of Nuclear Policy and Strategy, *Xcel Energy*
- **Eric Howes**, Director Public and Government Affairs, *Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company*
- and [more!](#)

For more information and to register for the **2019 Decommissioning Strategy Forum**, visit www.decomissioningstrategy.com. The

advanced rate expires April 5, 2019 so be sure to [register now](#) to save up to \$100.

To see the full [agenda](#) for the 2019 Decommissioning Strategy Forum, please visit [here](#).

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About the Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training (RCNET)

The Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training (RCNET) is a consortium of 56 colleges and universities, 92 industry partners, and multiple agencies and other partners. RCNET partners with academic institutions and employers to promote improvements in the education of nuclear technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels. RCNET focuses on curriculum development, professional development of college faculty and secondary school teachers, career pathways from secondary schools to two-year colleges and four-year institutions, and providing standardized quality resources to schools. RCNET has become a viable workforce pipeline, proven by placement of over 2,200 program graduates in nuclear technician jobs at over 60 industry partner locations.