Southern Company R&D Enabling a Net Zero Economy

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Southern Company provides clean, safe, reliable, affordable energy and customized solutions.







Gas pipelines

- Southern Natural Gas
- Southern Company Gas
- Pipeline projects



Affordable, Reliable, Net-Zero *Electricity*

NET ZERO

Generation Technologies

- \rightarrow Renewables
- \rightarrow Storage (short & long)
- → Post-combustion capture
- \rightarrow Oxycombustion
- → Advanced Nuclear

Affordable, Reliable, Net-Zero *Energy*

Alternative Energy Carriers

- \rightarrow Hydrogen / Ammonia
- \rightarrow RNG

Grid Modernization

Distributed Infrastructure

Cross-cutting

- \rightarrow Advanced power cycles
- \rightarrow Water
- \rightarrow Advanced materials
- → Circular economy

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- → Comprehensive technology portfolio energy production, delivery & use
- \rightarrow Transformational technology solutions for utility and economywide decarbonization
- \rightarrow Industry leadership & unique partnerships
- → Public-private cost share to magnify investment

	 Electrification → Electric transportation → Customer-sited reliability & resiliency 	 Beyond Electrification → High-grade heat → Clean fuels → Post-combustion capture 	
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	 Industrial Decarbonization → Clean feedstocks → Chemical process emissions reductions 	Net Negative Solutions → Direct air capture → BECCS	

→ Industrial clusters

Quality requires participation

UTILITIES MUST PLAY A PROACTIVE ROLE

 $\rightarrow\,$ requires deep thinking & a positive deterministic attitude

LEARN BY DOING

- \rightarrow collaborate with industry experts
- \rightarrow test & integrate early
- \rightarrow deployment necessitates demonstration

GOVERNMENT MUST PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE

- \rightarrow should be responsive to thoughtful utilities
- \rightarrow engage in cost & risk-sharing mechanisms with industry
- \rightarrow development & demonstration funding must continue to grow

TerraPower Molten Chloride Fast Reactor



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Advanced Reactor Concepts (ARC)

Rebuilding lost infrastructure for high potential technology

SEPARATE EFFECTS TESTS

- microloops for salts and materials \rightarrow compatibility including uranium chloride salt
- \rightarrow isothermal loop world's largest pumped chloride salt system

INTEGRATED EFFECTS TEST (IET)

- <1 mw electrically heated, multi-loop system
- 2022 operation \rightarrow

TerraPower.

Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program (ARDP)

World's first fast chloride salt reactor to gather nuclear phenomena data

MOLTEN CHLORIDE REACTOR EXPERIMENT (MCRE)

- advance an unexplored class of reactors
- confirm key physics phenomena
- INL sited & DOE authorized
- year 5 critical operations





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