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# **T1 - One Government, One Mission: Advancing Safe Deployment of Nuclear Energy**

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Recent executive orders envision a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to nuclear policy and regulation. How will this strategy affect deployment of safe, clean, and reliable nuclear energy?

- Overall Positive.
- Neutral.
- Overall Negative.

## Session Speakers

1. Mehdi Reisi Fard, Deputy Director, Division of Advanced Reactors and Non-power Production and Utilization Facilities, NRC
2. Rian Bahran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Reactors, DOE
3. Mohammed Badal, Program Manager for Nuclear Power, DOW
4. Yasir Arafat, President and Chief Technology Officer, Aalo Atomics