

# Meeting America's Enriched Uranium Requirements

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#### **Nuclear Fuel Supplier**

World's most diversified supplier of enriched uranium fuel to utilities in North America, Asia, and Europe — with a \$1 billion long-term order book through 2030.

## Centrus Energy:

America's Uranium

Enrichment Company

#### **Advanced Fuel Pioneer**

Building the only U.S. uranium enrichment plant licensed to produce HALEU – a **premium nuclear fuel** that may soon be needed for existing and next generation reactors worldwide.





#### **National Security Partner**

The only deployment-ready technology suitable to meet **U.S.** national security requirements for uranium enrichment.

#### Longstanding Partner to U.S. Government & Industry



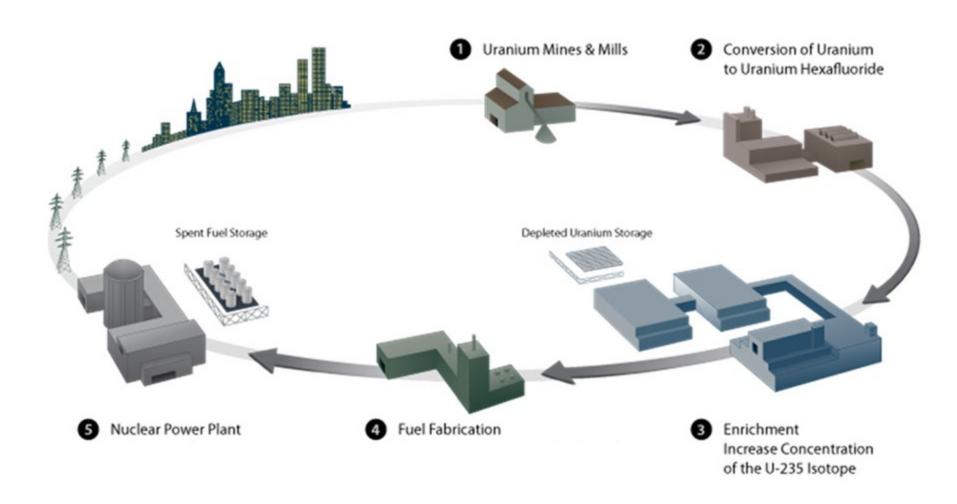


- Centrus traces its roots to the Manhattan Project and Atoms for Peace.
- Became a publicly-traded company in the 1990s when the U.S. privatized its uranium enrichment enterprise.
- Safely operated U.S. government's enrichment plants for decades, fueling civilian nuclear energy at home and abroad
- Served as U.S. government's executive agent on Megatons to Megawatts – the most successful disarmament program in history.
- Working to deploy a new American enrichment capability in Piketon, Ohio to meet the full range of commercial and national security requirements, including LEU for existing reactors and HALEU for advanced reactors.



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### The Nuclear Fuel Supply Chain





#### LEU vs. HALEU

LOW ENRICHED URANIUM
(LEU)

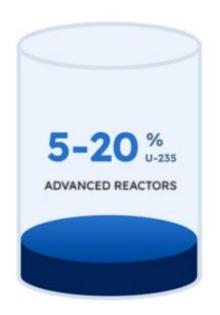
HIGH ASSAY, LOW ENRICHED URANIUM (HALEU) URANIUM (HEU)

**Uranium Isotopes** 

U-238

U-235

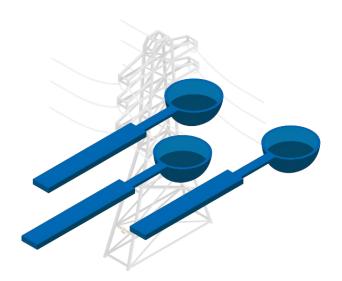








#### A Lifetime of Electricity in 3 Tablespoons



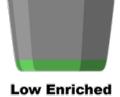
Just 750 grams of HALEU, or about 3 tablespoons, can meet your electricity needs for life.



Higher U235 concentration = smaller fuel cores, smaller reactors, more efficient fuel consumption, and reduced waste production.







**Uranium (LEU)** 

**High Assay,** Low Enriched **Uranium (HALEU)** 

5-20% U-235

Today's Commercial Reactors

Advanced Reactor Fuel



#### Centrus: Restoring America's Enrichment Capacity

- Under contract with Department of Energy, Centrus is building a small cascade of centrifuges that will demonstrate HALEU production by late 2023.
  - First new, U.S.-owned enrichment plant since the 1950s.
  - Only U.S. site licensed for HALEU production.
- Modest initial capacity but can be scaled up to any level of production <u>if sufficient</u> <u>funding and/or offtake commitments can</u> be secured.
- Goal: expand to meet the full range of commercial and national security requirements for LEU and HALEU.



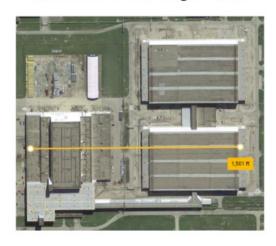




#### **American Centrifuge Plant**

- 2,000,000 square foot facility
  - Roughly same footprint as the Pentagon
- Purpose-built for U.S advanced centrifuge operations.
- Skilled workforce of experienced centrifuge operators.

**American Centrifuge Plant** 



The Pentagon



- Only site licensed by the NRC for HALEU production. License also covers LEU and LEU+.
- Only NRC-licensed enrichment site in the U.S. suitable for both national security missions and commercial enrichment.



#### **U.S. Government Needs Enrichment**

- U.S. government requirements include LEU, HALEU, and eventually HEU.
- Longstanding U.S. policy and binding nonproliferation agreements prohibit the use of foreign enrichment technology for national security missions. Only a U.S.-origin technology can be used.
- The last of the U.S. government's Cold-War era enrichment plants shut down in 2013, leaving the U.S. without an enrichment capability suitable for national security missions for the first time since WWII.

## U.S. Government Enriched Uranium Requirements





#### **Public Private Partnership Needed**

- Advancing the Piketon facility from demonstration project to an enduring, sustainable domestic enrichment facility requires greater scale and public-private partnership.
- Commercial demand for HALEU is still subject to uncertainty and a "chicken vs. egg" problem.
- Support for a U.S. enrichment technology is critical in the face of competition from established, state-owned enterprises that control the entire market today.
- The best way to jumpstart construction of U.S. capacity is to leverage U.S. government requirements for enrichment.



## A Deployment-Ready Nuclear Fuel Solution



- Ready to Deploy:
  - >3.5 million machine hours of successful operations.
    - 2012-2016: Built and operated a full cascade (120 machines) of centrifuges with a full suite of support systems and successfully demonstrated LEU enrichment.
  - Existing U.S. site that is already NRC-licensed for production of LEU, LEU+, and HALEU.
- ✓ Fast:
  - Initial LEU production within 36 months of project start.
  - HALEU production within 42 months of project start.
- ✓ **Supply Diversity:** Brings needed price competition and enhanced supply security.
- ✓ All-in-One Solution: Leverage U.S. government requirements to establish new commercial production.

