

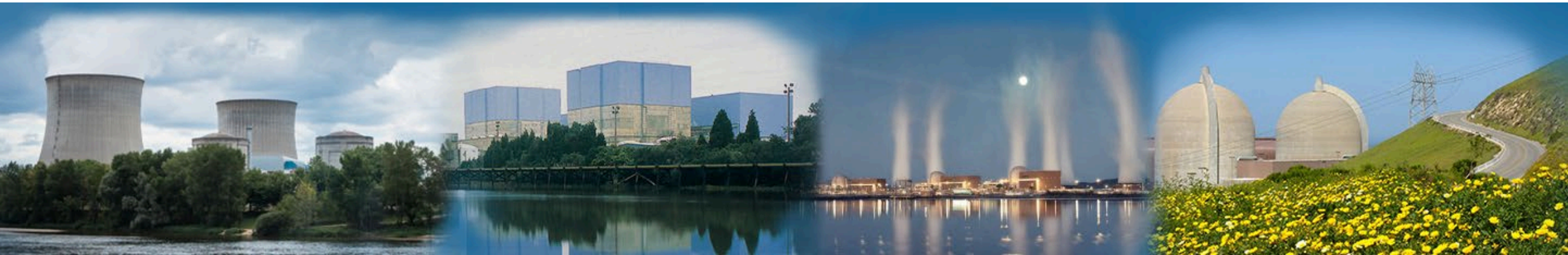
# Integrated Operations for Nuclear - ION



## Plant Modernization Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

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## Integrated Operations for Nuclear



Transformation of the nuclear operating model through business-driven innovation.

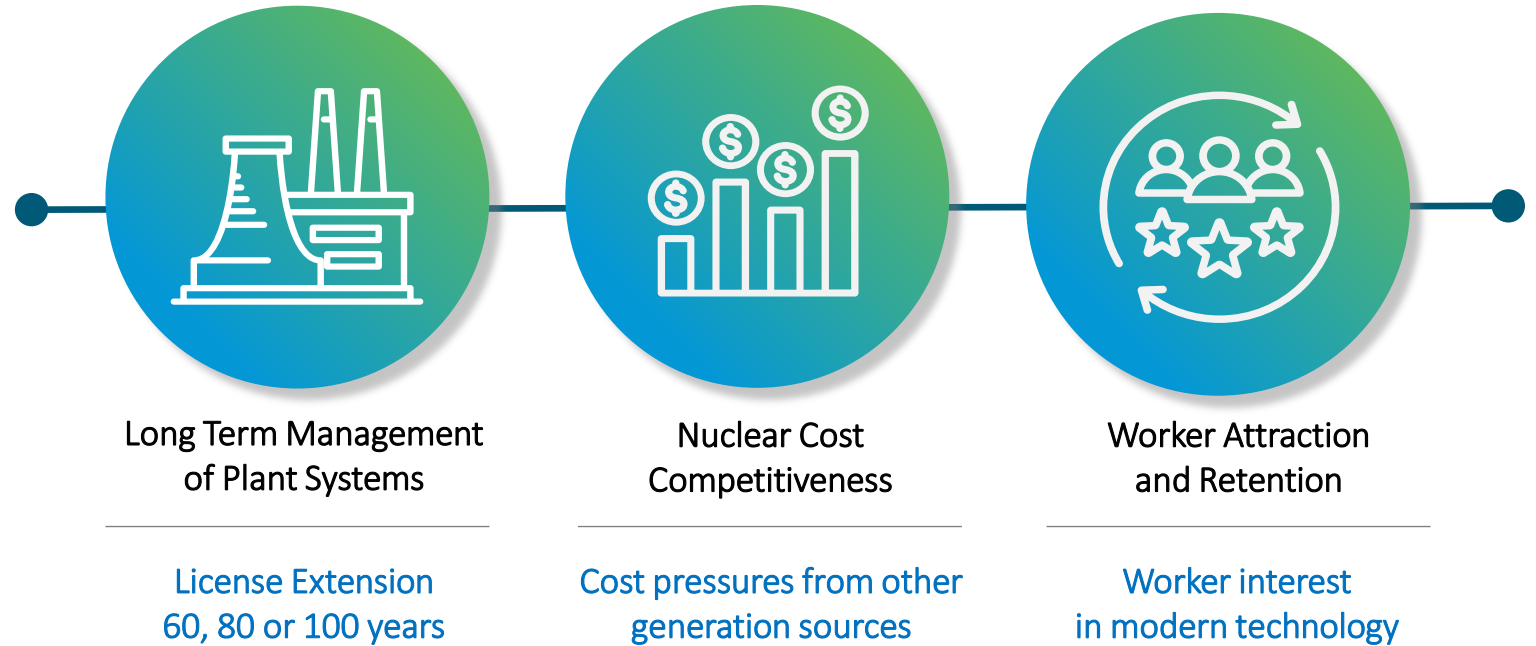
Enabling **new ways of working** for economical, sustainable plant life.

A modern and innovative place for people to work.

## ION Sustainability Objectives and Goals

Significantly reduce risk of modernization by:

- Developing technology modernization solutions that address aging and obsolescence
- Delivering a sustainable business model that ensures continued safe, reliable operation at a cost competitive level

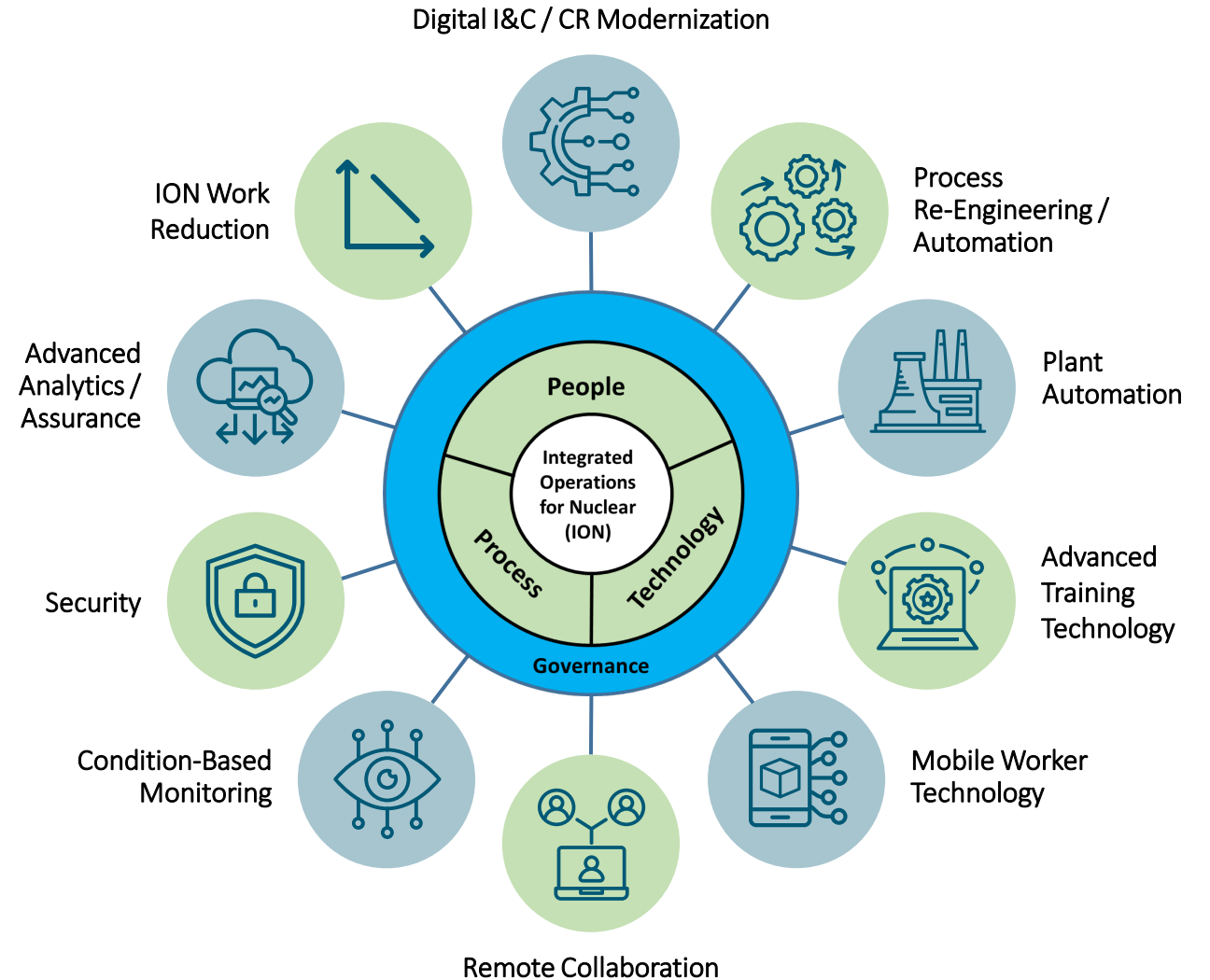


# What ION Does

Integrated operations for nuclear (ION) proposes a **rethink and overhaul of plant operations** with the help of these work domains

**Work domains** guide execution of the ION strategy and help to organize the many changes needed to the plant's technology, processes, and workforce organization

## ION-GEN 1 Critical Work Domains



# How Will you Deploy your Limited Resources?



## Integrated Operations for Nuclear (ION)

- People
- Process
- Technology
- Governance

Roadmap for Long Term Sustainability

Plant Performance Issues  
Sustainability  
Component Obsolescence  
O&M Cost Growth  
Attraction and Retention



Disconnected Innovations  
Technology only solutions  
One-of-a-kind systems  
Quick Fixes

## Benefits of ION



**9 of 37**  
Work reduction opportunities represented by these squares

**99.7%**  
chance of positive NPV from these WROs



**Advanced Training Technology**

		<b>87%</b>
16-24 FTEs Saved	\$23-34M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV



**Remote Assistance & Troubleshooting**

		<b>100%</b>
29-33 FTEs Saved	\$13-17M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV



**Condition-Based Monitoring**

		<b>95%</b>
20-39 FTEs Saved	\$8-12M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV



**Automated Planning and Scheduling**

		<b>75%</b>
7-16 FTEs Saved	\$9-17M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV



**Physical Security**

		<b>52%</b>
10-30 FTEs Saved	\$16-51M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV



**Campaign Maintenance**

		<b>52%</b>
17-23 FTEs Saved	\$12-17M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV



**Drones and Robotics**

		<b>100%</b>
9-18 FTEs Saved	\$4-8M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV

**AI Condition Report Analysis**

		<b>50%</b>
2-6 FTEs Saved	\$1-12M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV

**Digital I&C Upgrades**

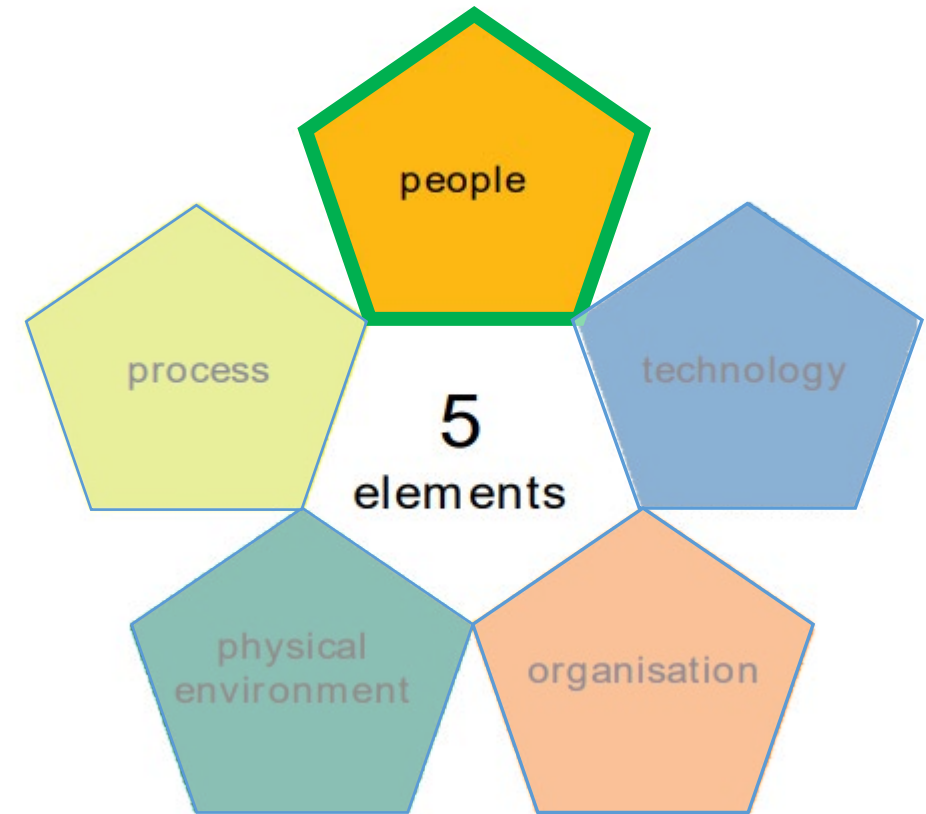
		<b>66%</b>
46-52 FTEs Saved	\$196-273M Initial Cost	Chance of Positive NPV

## The Importance of People

- We tend to focus on **Technology** as the solution or the finish line, but technology is only part of the journey

“People, Team & Behavioral change, is the ultimate key to success.” – Focus on Communication and collaboration in real time to improve decision making – Technology is just the enabler.

- The ability to communicate and collaborate using quality data and analytics enables innovation within an organization



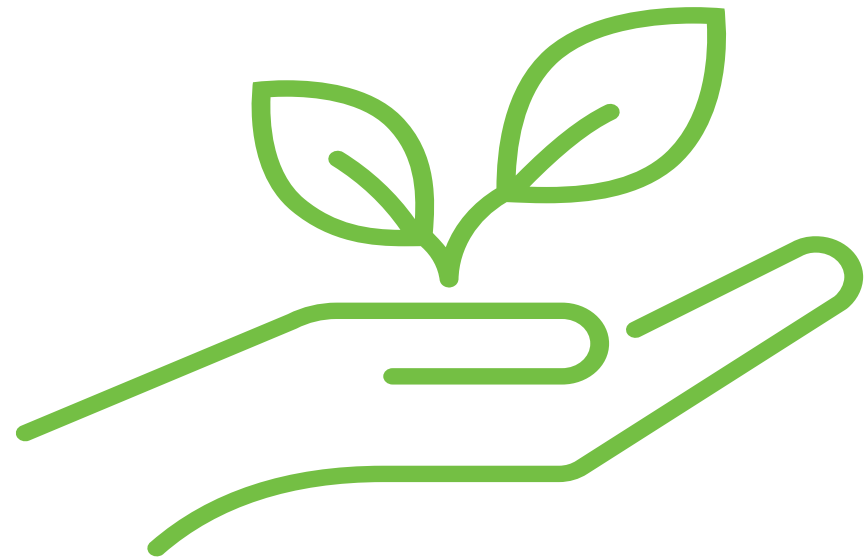
British Petroleum’s “Petal Model”  
representing the **5 Key Elements of Success** (2006)

## Innovation as a Capability

Work Satisfaction → Foster Creativity → Capable of Innovation

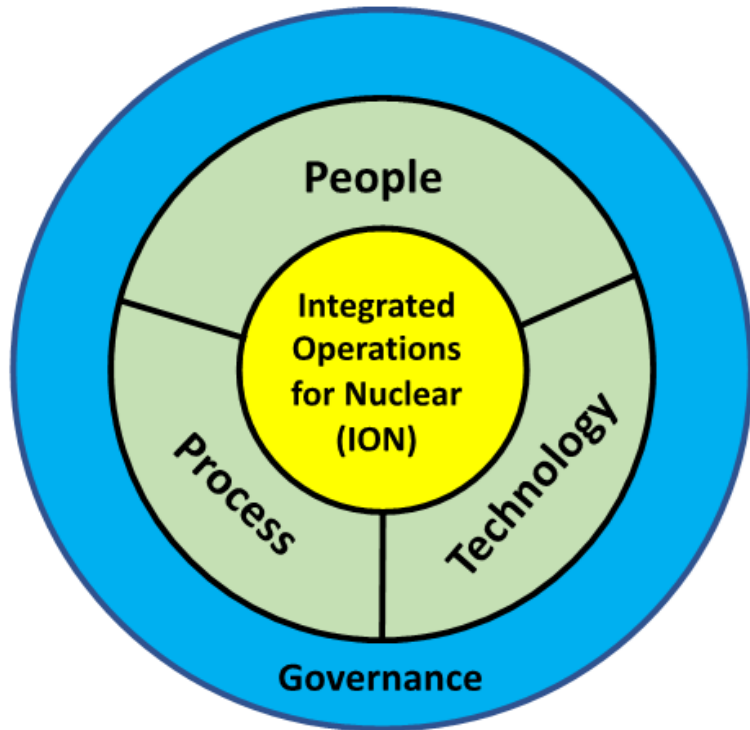
**Creativity** is the wellspring of ideas, the ability to think divergently and see connections between seemingly unrelated concepts.

**Innovation**, on the other hand, is the practical application of these creative ideas to bring about tangible change and improvement.”





### **Change and Adapt**



*“It is not the most intellectual of the species that survives; it is not the strongest that survives; but the species that survives is the one that is able best to adapt and adjust to the changing environment in which it finds itself.”*

– Leon Megginson, Professor of Marketing and Management

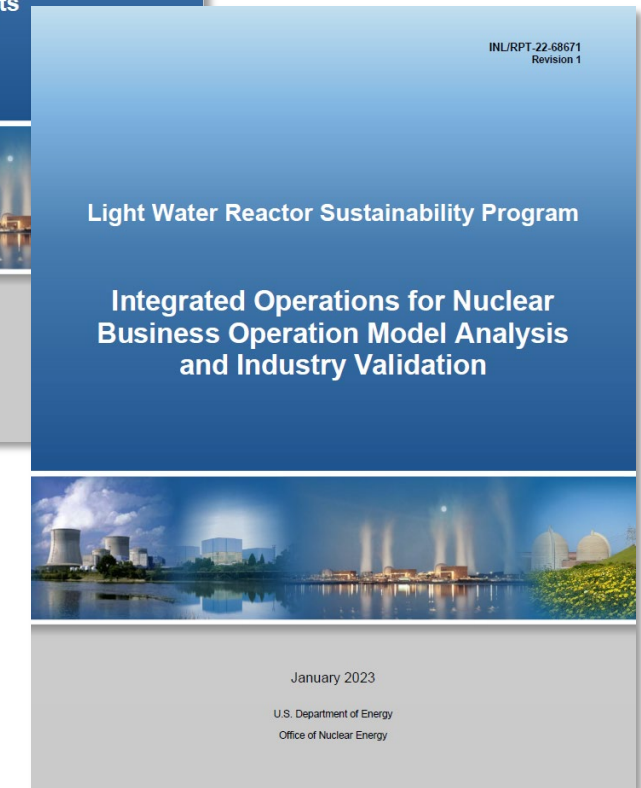


## Research Reports

INL has produced **public facing research reports** detailing the methodology and framework construction approach being developed in cooperation with industry partners

These reports will be used by the **domestic nuclear industry** to systematically determine if a business model change in accordance with ION principles is appropriate or warranted at the site or corporation.

To view all research reports:  
<https://lwrs.inl.gov/SitePages/Plant%20Modernization.aspx>





## More to Come...

Time (EST)	Topic	Speaker – Organization
01:30 - 01:35	Introduction	Jason Remer, INL
01:35 - 02:00	Strategic Modernization at South Texas Project	Clayton Bonnot, South Texas Project
02:00 - 02:25	The Impact of Strategic Modernization on Attracting and Retaining a Skilled Nuclear Workforce	<u>Asgeir Drøivoldsmo</u> , Halden Research Laboratory
02:25 - 02:50	Demonstration of a Work Reduction Opportunity for Advanced Computer Based Training	Sean Lawrie, Lumera
02:50 - 03:15	Modernizing Training for the Next Generation of Nuclear Workers	Chuck Lease, Electric Power Research
03:15 - 03:45	General Q&A and Session Wrap Up	Zachary Spielman, INL Jason Remer, INL
03:45	Session Adjourned	





# Sustaining National Nuclear Assets

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