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"The Government Role in Creating our Nuclear Energy and Hydrogen Future"

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Mr. Kotek will discuss the reasons for the renewed government interest in nuclear energy, how this interest has been translated into new DOE nuclear energy R&D programs (focusing on the Generation IV program and the Nuclear Hydrogen Initiative), and how Congress is helping to drive the renewed interest in nuclear energy.

In July 2003, John was named to the position of Deputy Manager of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Idaho Operations Office. The Idaho Operations Office is charged with overseeing operations at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), one of the nine major national laboratories operated by various industrial, university, or non-profit contractors for DOE. The INEEL is a Federally Funded Research and Development Laboratory, operated by Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC, for the Department of Energy. It is a multi-program laboratory with a focus on environmental management and nuclear energy technology development. The laboratory conducts a broad range of research and technology programs for DOE and other federal agencies.

From January 1999 to July 2003, John worked for Argonne National Laboratory-West in Idaho Falls, ID, where he was the Generation IV and Nuclear-Hydrogen Programs Manager. John played a lead role in the development and implementation of the Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems technology roadmap. He also helped to lead the preparation of DOE's R&D plan on technologies for the use of nuclear energy to produce hydrogen.

In 2002, John was the American Nuclear Society's Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Fellow. John served in the Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He assisted the Senator on energy, environmental management, and national security issues, and helped develop the Senate's comprehensive energy legislation.

Prior to joining Argonne in 1999, John was with the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (DOE-NE). He held several positions during his nine years with DOE-NE, including Associate Director for Technology, Associate Director for Management and Administration, and Chief of Staff. As Associate Director for Technology, John was responsible for DOE's university nuclear engineering education programs, and helped formulate and launch the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative and the Nuclear Energy Plant Optimization programs

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.