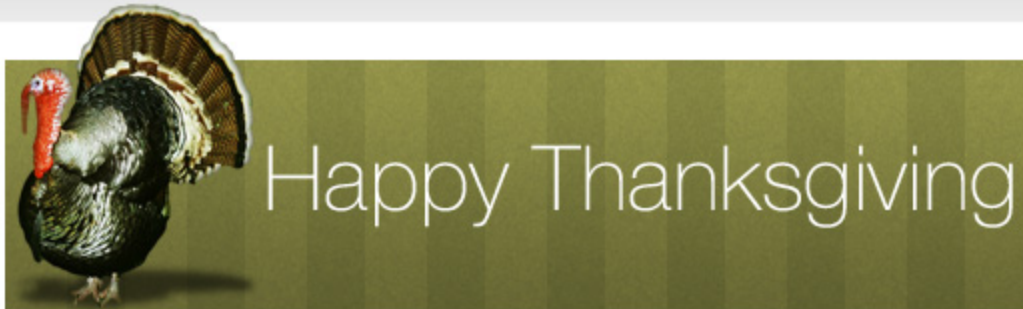


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NSPECon26: Save the Date and Call for Presenters

NSPECon returns to the East Coast next year! Join your professional colleagues in New York City August 5-7, 2026.

Interested in presenting at NSPECon26? Presentation proposals are due by January 5 and can fall under one of three key conference tracks: leadership skills; latest trends; or career growth.

We hope to see many of our fellow Virginia PEs in the Big Apple! The New York Marriott at Brooklyn Bridge is expected to sell out; book early [here](#).





Passing the Torch

Earlier this month, VSPE board member Rebecca Golden presented a Resolution of Appreciation to VSPE board member Georg Dahl for his decade of service as VSPE's APELSCIDLA representative.

A self-described "square peg in a round hole", Georg retired from a storied career in public and private service. [Read our article](#) about Georg.

Becky has graciously taken on the role of APELSCIDLA representative. [Email Becky](#) with any questions or concerns, to submit feedback on meeting topics, or to inquire about attending a future meeting.

First Commercial Fusion Power Plant in VA Coming to Chesterfield County

At a recent community business meeting, representatives from [Commonwealth Fusion Systems \(CFS\)](#) presented plans for their first grid-scale commercial fusion power plant, known as ARC, to be built in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

The plant is projected to break ground in 2028 and will be operational by the early 2030s. ARC will generate about 400 megawatts of electricity — enough energy to power large industrial sites or about 150,000 homes.

CFS was a spinoff of MIT in 2018. Its prototype reactor, called SPARC, is now under construction in Devens, Massachusetts and is expected to produce its first plasma in 2026 and net fusion energy shortly thereafter. SPARC demonstrates how fusion differs from fission technology, producing more energy than it consumes, all in a relatively small footprint (approximately the size of an offshore wind turbine).



Navy Reserve Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) is Hiring

The U.S. Navy Reserve Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) is seeking civil engineers to serve as commissioned officers. Navy Reserve CEC officers bring their civilian expertise to support Navy and Department of Defense projects while continuing

their civilian careers. Travel assignments are worldwide, often 12–29 days, with per diem and full active duty pay/benefits.

Newly commissioned officers attend the Civil Engineer Corps Officer School (CECOS) in Port Hueneme, CA. Officers complete Seabee Combat Warfare qualification and leadership development courses. They receive ongoing technical and professional training in construction, contracting, and project management.

There are numerous Benefits of Service in the Navy Reserve, including low-cost health/life insurance and VA Home Loan eligibility. Officers are pension-eligible after 20 qualifying years of part-time service.

If you are interested in the opportunity to lead Seabees in construction, engineering, and humanitarian projects worldwide, email [LT Chris Baransky](#), USN Officer Recruiting, NRRC – Division New England, or phone him at (617) 999-8507.

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