



**City of Russellville
Office of Mayor Fred Teague**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City of Russellville, I am writing to express our interest in positioning the greater Russellville area as Arkansas's location for advanced nuclear reactor and Small Modular Reactor (SMR) development. While statewide feasibility studies identify several potential regions, Russellville stands alone as the only Arkansas community with an established nuclear experience. For over 50 years, Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) has been home to an experienced workforce, specialized business network, and proven infrastructure that significantly reduce the risk, cost, and timeline for new development.

Our region offers many competitive advantages. We are home to generations of nuclear engineers, operators, and skilled tradespeople, supported by strong talent pipelines at Arkansas Tech University and UACCM. Additionally, our existing high-voltage transmission, reliable water resources from Lake Dardanelle, and direct access to I-40, rail, and river transport will eliminate major startup infrastructure costs. Decades of multi-agency coordination have also established a proven emergency response system that no other region can replicate without years of investment. We bring a deep public trust and a long-standing pro-nuclear culture to minimize the regulatory and social hurdles that often delay major energy projects.

Simply put, Russellville is the logical choice to lead Arkansas's next generation of nuclear energy. Thank you for your leadership and for considering Russellville as the ideal partner for our state's energy future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Teague

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