

REGULATORY ROUTE TO COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENT

THE DRIVER'S SEAT: TAILORING THE ROUTE YOU TAKE

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#### Overview of Kairos Power

- Nuclear energy engineering and design company singularly focused on the commercialization of the fluoride saltcooled high temperature reactor (FHR)
  - Founded in 2016
  - Current Staffing
    - >170 Employees
    - ~90% Engineering Staff
- Private funding commitment to engineering design and licensing program and physical demonstration through nuclear and non-nuclear technology development program
- Schedule driven by US demonstration by 2030 (or earlier) and rapid deployment ramp in 2030s
- Cost targets set to be competitive with natural gas in the US electricity market

#### Kairos Power Headquarters



**Kairos Power Team** 





#### **Kairos Power Locations**





**Kairos Power Facilities** 

## Kairos Power Highlights of Recent Progress

#### **Internal Milestones and Accomplishments:**



R-Lab
Rapid Prototyping and
Technology Development



S-Lab
Flibe Chemistry and
Materials Testing Lab



T-Facility
Engineering Test Unit
New Mexico Expansion



Hermes Reactor Site Selection
East Tennessee
Technology Park

#### **External Awards and Validation:**



**Nuclear Regulatory Commission** 

**Pre-Application Engagement** 



**Cooperative Development Agreement Development & Demonstration Collaboration for** 

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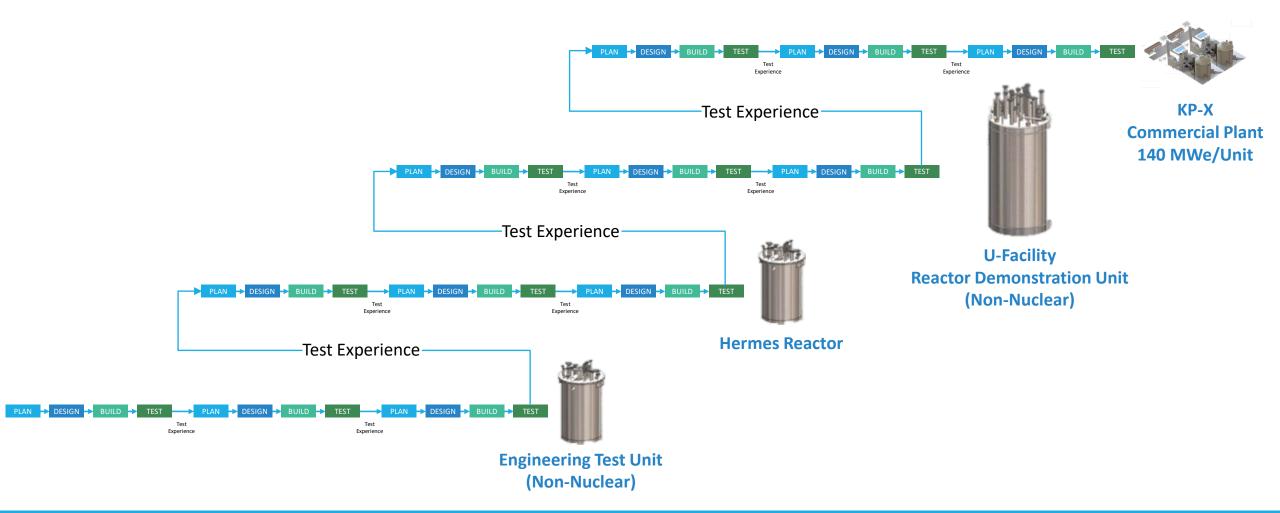


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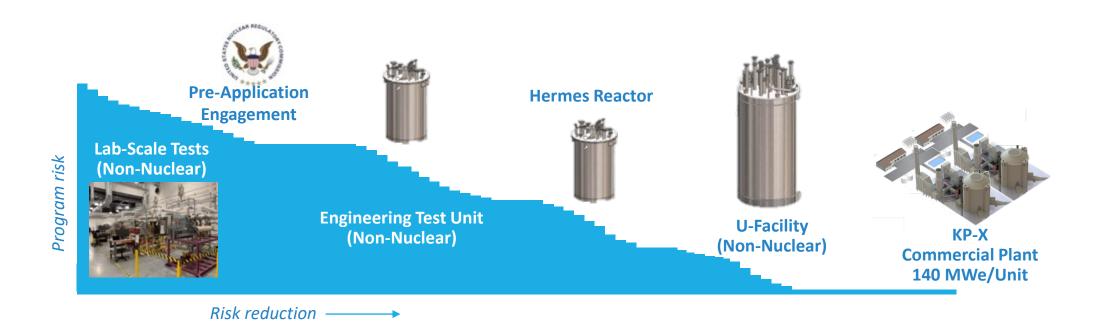
**Risk Reduction Award** 



# Kairos Power Path to Commercialization: Successive Large-Scale Integrated Demonstrations



#### Risk Reduction



Kairos Power is significantly retiring risk to commercial deployment:

- Technical and Cost risk via iterative development and Hermes reactor
- Regulatory risk via comprehensive pre-application engagement
- Commercial risk via full-scale U-Facility









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*To:* Reliable, carbon-free electricity



Determine your business strategy





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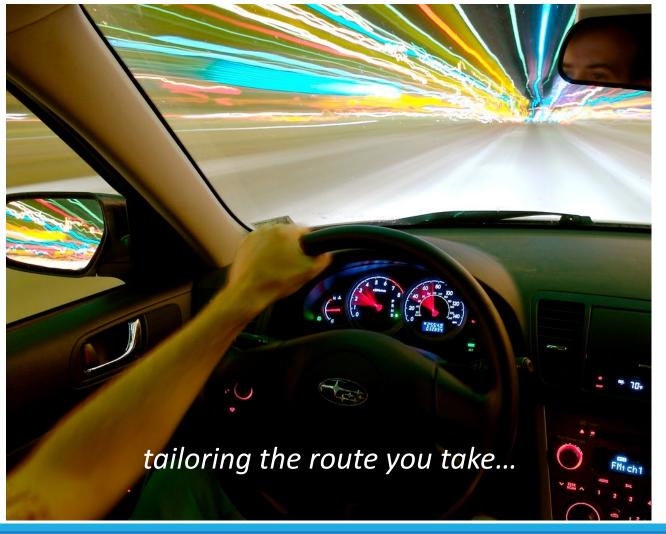
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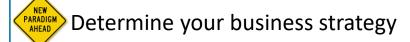
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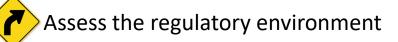




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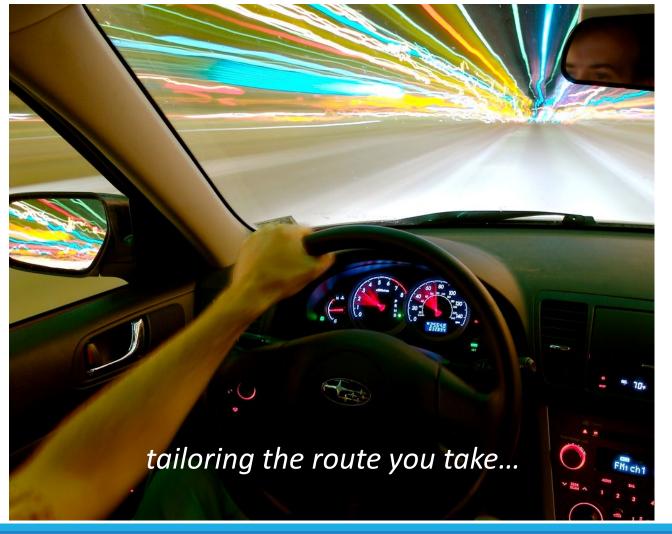
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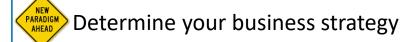
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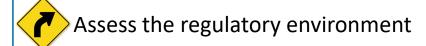




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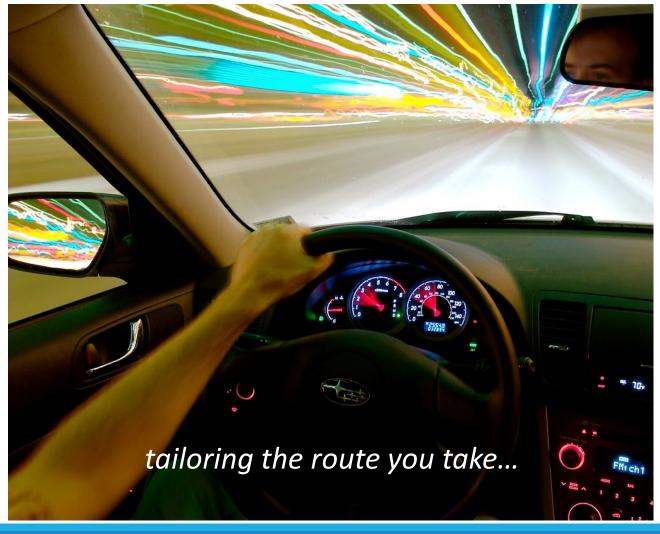




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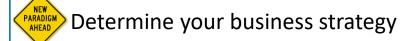


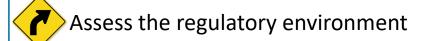




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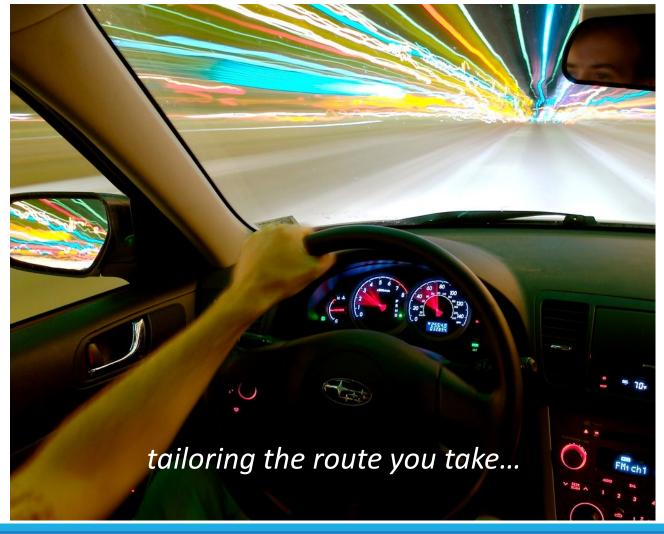


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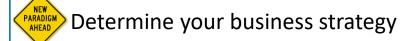
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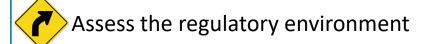




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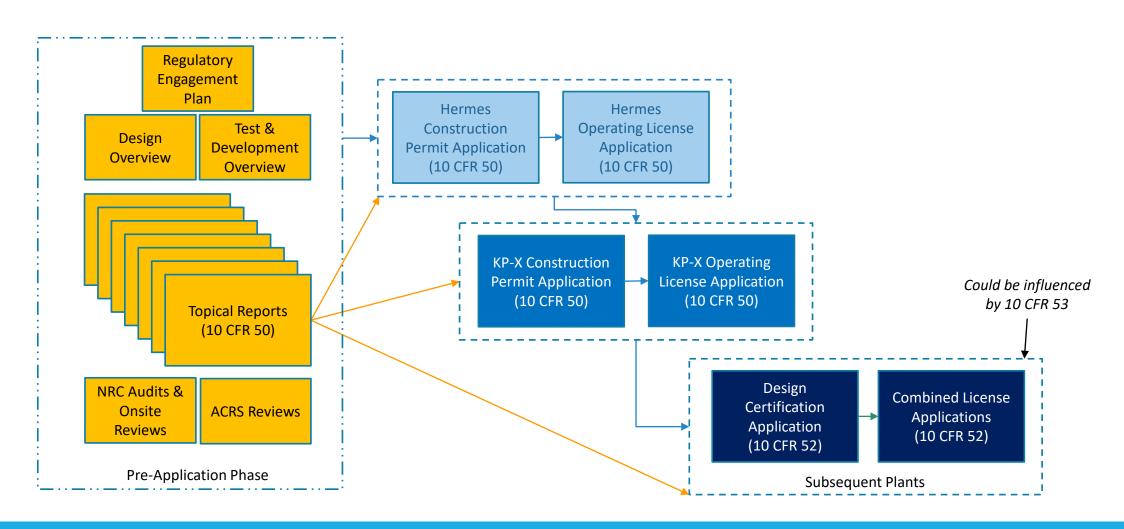
Integrate regulatory/business strategy

Monitor, iterate regulatory engagement





# **KP-FHR Regulatory Strategy**



## Regulatory Framework

- 10 CFR 50 construction permit and operating license
- 10 CFR 53 and other major changes not timely for Kairos Power schedule
- Assessment of current framework for impacts
  - Non-LWR
  - Standard review plan NUREG-0800 vs. NUREG-1537
  - Risk-informed safety case
- Active pre-application engagement
- Monitor/iterate
  - Pivot to Hermes NPUF
  - Updated regulatory gap analysis



## NRC Pre-Application Engagement Status

- >20 technical or topical reports or revisions to date
- Pilot of "no-RAI" review
- Multiple audits, onsite reviews (including PIRT acceptance)
- NRC approvals:
  - Principal Design Criteria
  - Test Scaling Methodology
  - Salt Coolant Qualification
  - Licensing Basis Event Selection
- ACRS review of Test Scaling and Salt topicals (Fuel Performance pending)
- Under review:
  - Regulatory Gap Analysis
  - Fuel Performance
  - QA Program
  - High-Temp Metallic Materials
  - Mechanistic Source Term
  - Fuel Qualification
  - High-Temp Graphite Materials

