



## **CLEARPATH STATEMENT ON RITA BARANWAL'S NOMINATION**

WASHINGTON, OCT. 3, 2018 -- ClearPath Policy Associate and leading in-house nuclear policy expert Spencer Nelson issued the following statement on the nomination of Rita Baranwal to head the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy:

"We are excited to hear about Rita's nomination to be Assistant Secretary," Nelson said. "Rita has an extensive background in both the private sector and at the national labs. That includes spearheading DOE's GAIN initiative, which works to make the department and national labs much more accessible to advanced nuclear companies. She will be able to start right away on achieving the president's comprehensive nuclear energy policy review."

Baranwal's extensive and senior nuclear policy experience includes as director of the Gateway for Acceleration Innovation in Nuclear effort housed at Idaho National Laboratory since August 2016. She was previously director of technology development and core engineering/nuclear fuel at Westinghouse Electric and a manager at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory.

Her appointment comes as the Trump Administration is conducting an extensive review of the U.S. nuclear sector, the country's most reliable clean and zero-emission power source. Energy Secretary Rick Perry appointed ClearPath Founder Jay Faison to the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, which will offer advice and recommendations on scientific, commercial, technical and programmatic issues to DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy.

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