



John L. Watson Analyzes U.S. Nuclear Energy Resurgence in Nuclear Engineering International

Spencer Fane attorney [John L. Watson](#) authored the article [‘Times they are-a-changin’](#), recently published by *Nuclear Engineering International*.

In the article, which originated as two firm blog posts (found [here](#) and [here](#)), John explains that U.S. nuclear power, after decades of stalled growth, is now experiencing renewed interest as a key source of low-carbon energy. He notes that policy changes, technological advances, and rising electricity demand, particularly from AI and data centers, are helping drive a resurgence in the sector. However, he emphasizes that nuclear energy’s future will depend on overcoming long-standing challenges.

“The future of nuclear energy in the U.S. stands at a critical juncture, balancing the urgent necessity of carbon-free baseload power against significant economic and logistical headwinds,” John wrote. “While the resurgence of interest in SMRs and advanced, next-generation technologies offers a pathway to faster, safer, and more flexible deployment, the industry must overcome high capital costs, supply chain limitations, and regulatory challenges to succeed.”

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