

BETHE Kickoff Workshop Closing Remarks

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Panel takeaways

▶ Investor panel

- Fusion will happen, it's a matter of when
- Investors are not counting on renewables alone to decarbonize
- Exceptional teams/partnerships are key to raising money
- There remains a large role for government funding

▶ NGO panel

- We are just scratching the surface of engagement with potential NGO advocacy groups
- Never too soon to start thinking through the public “lens” (on public safety, siting, proliferation)
- Fusion should learn from but not “lean into” fission; association with fission will make it more difficult for fusion to obtain its own independent social license
- Think about allying fusion with accepted “green-energy” technologies

Follow ups

- ▶ For BETHE project teams:
 - Individual project-kickoff Webexes will be scheduled soon
 - Potential webinar on “working with ARPA-E” to be scheduled soon (guidance on invoicing, quarterly reporting, etc., and Q&A opportunity)
- ▶ For all attendees: please feel free to reach out to [scott.hsu](mailto:scott.hsu@hq.doe.gov) at hq.doe.gov and [colleen.nehl](mailto:colleen.nehl@hq.doe.gov) at hq.doe.gov to request one-on-one discussion
- ▶ For R&D community, please reach out to Scott and Colleen to discuss fusion-related proposal ideas for potential future ARPA-E funding opportunities, including [OPEN](#) program



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