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Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) Applauds Tri-Jurisdictional MOU on Nuclear Energy and Grid Integration

PEACE RIVER, AB — September 17, 2026 — The Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA) strongly supports this week's landmark announcement by the governments of **Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories** to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance collaboration on **nuclear energy technologies and regional electricity grid integration**.

This historic agreement establishes a unified framework to share information, evaluate nuclear generation—including large-scale reactors, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), and microreactors—and explore enhanced regional transmission infrastructure. As electricity demand rises rapidly across Western Canada and the North, this tri-jurisdictional partnership is a vital step toward safeguarding grid reliability, ensuring long-term affordability, and achieving a sustainable, low-emission energy future. This also marks an important aspect of development and deployment of a new nuclear chain supply for Western Canada.

For the Peace Region of northwestern Alberta, this announcement marks a pivotal turning point. Following the release of its comprehensive Position Paper in July 2026, PREA has actively advocated for the Peace Region to be designated as the premier location for future provincial nuclear developments. The region possesses unique geographic and economic advantages, including robust land and water resources, industrial infrastructure potential, new supply chain management and a skilled workforce ready for diversification.

"This MOU is exactly the kind of forward-thinking, collaborative leadership Western Canada needs to secure our economic and energy future," said Terry Ungarian, Chair of PREA. "With the Peace River Nuclear Power Project already moving through the federal impact assessment phases, our municipalities are ready to act as a primary corridor for this emerging

sector. This aligns perfectly with our recent Position Paper released mid-summer 2026 as we continue to support the Government of Alberta's on-going work on a nuclear energy framework."

The tri-jurisdictional MOU will coordinate efforts on regulatory approvals, environmental assessments, financing models, and uranium supply chains—critical areas that will benefit from early municipal leadership and community engagement. PREA stands ready to collaborate with the Government of Alberta as it prepares to release its official nuclear energy roadmap.

PREA remains committed to ensuring that northwestern Albertans receive unbiased, evidence-based information regarding nuclear technologies while preparing local infrastructure to capitalize on billions in potential energy investments, new supply chains, and high-paying jobs.

About the Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA):
The Peace Regional Energy Alliance is a coalition of member municipalities and economic partners dedicated to driving sustainable economic prosperity and energy diversification across northwestern Alberta. PREA serves as a unified voice to advocate for regional infrastructure readiness, industrial innovation, and early, meaningful community engagement in the evolving energy sector. With strong regional alignment and established leadership, PREA serves as a trusted bridge between government, industry, and communities. PREA is committed to establishing the Peace Region as Alberta's nuclear hub, supporting responsible development, regional prosperity, and long-term energy leadership. PREA will encourage the highest standards from both provincial and federal partners to ensure health, safety, and environmental stewardship remain critical components of any project development.

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Executive Summary of the PREA Position Paper July 2026

The Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA), representing a coalition of municipalities in Northwestern Alberta, is united in its support for advancing nuclear energy development in the Peace Region. As a coordinated alliance of municipal leaders, PREA is committed to ensuring communities are informed, prepared, and positioned to benefit from this transformative opportunity.

Alberta is entering a period of growth in electricity demand alongside a transition in how energy is generated. Nuclear energy offers a reliable, affordable, and zero-emission baseload solution that supports long-term energy security and economic stability. PREA supports the Government of Alberta in advancing nuclear energy as part of its long-term energy strategy and positions itself as an essential **regional partner** in this work. With appropriate resources and capacity, municipalities will be well-positioned to support planning, engagement, and infrastructure readiness.

PREA is equally committed to ensuring that communities are engaged early and meaningfully throughout the process. Through strong partnerships, transparent communication, and shared benefits, Northwestern Alberta is ready to lead responsible nuclear energy development and growth alongside both the provincial and federal governments.

PREA serves as the strong united voice of energy and economic diversification, committed to an advocacy role for the dissemination of unbiased and evidence-based information to Northwestern Albertans. PREA stands ready to work with the Government of Alberta as the province formalizes their nuclear energy stance and respective framework/policies.

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