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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,415,000.00 for the Energy DELTA Lab - Utilization of Former Mine Lands for the Deployment of Advanced Nuclear project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive this funding is Energy DELTA Lab, with offices located at 206 East Main Street, Wise, VA 24293.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aims to provide solutions to the nuclear industry for using mine water to cool advanced nuclear reactors by: (1) developing the water resource criteria to ensure water resource availability for an advanced nuclear reactor at formerly mined properties by assessing demand for nuclear facilities compared to resource availability; (2) researching geotechnical considerations/requirements for placing an advanced nuclear reactor on a formerly mined site and identifying potential sites for deployment; and (3) educate thing nuclear industry about the opportunity through outreach efforts.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 272 of Title 15 of the United States Code (15 U.S.C. § 272).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress