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**CNTA's Up & Atom June 5, 2024 to Feature the NuWaDi Consortium**

Up and Atom breakfasts are sponsored by Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) to provide nuclear-related information to the organization's members and the community. Our June Up & Atom will feature speakers focused on the U.S. Department of Energy's consent-based siting grants and how the community and organizations can be involved in the dialogue.

With an emphasis on deliberative and reciprocal two-way communication, the Nuclear Waste Dialogue (NuWaDi) Consortium's mission is to facilitate public engagement in an effort to cogenerate knowledge around public perceptions and values for decision-making on issues of management, transportation, and disposal of nuclear materials.

The Energy Department has established 12 consent-based siting consortia throughout the country, including the one in South Carolina.

The consortia "support the U.S. Department of Energy's efforts to facilitate inclusive community engagement and elicit public feedback on consent-based siting, management of spent nuclear fuel, and federal consolidated interim storage," according to the department's website.

At this point in the consent-based siting process, Clemson researchers emphasized, South Carolina's participation in the program is not necessarily a prelude to new disposal facilities being built in the state.

"South Carolina community groups will have the opportunity to draw on their collective experience to offer essential insight into a national challenge and a clear need," Martinez said.

This breakfast meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Newberry Hall, in Aiken. Reservations are required; the cost of the breakfast is \$20 per person. There are grants available to offset the cost of attendance for those interested in attending, but unable to pay.

To make reservations, email [office@cntaware.org](mailto:office@cntaware.org), or pay online in advance at <https://cntaware.org/events/>.

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