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NUCLEAR MYTH:

*“Nuclear is
just for
engineers.”*

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REALITY:

A wide variety of people and skills are required to operate any nuclear power plant or site – not just engineers. In fact, 475,000 direct and secondary full-time jobs are provided by America's nuclear industry.

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FAST FACTS ABOUT NUCLEAR:

Job Opportunities in the Nuclear Industry

Despite the scientific nature of nuclear power, a wide variety of people are required to operate any nuclear power plant or site. [According to NEI](#), jobs include skilled trades such as carpenters, electricians, heavy machinery operators, and welders; technicians such as chemists, mechanics, radiation protection specialists, and scientists; and other professionals such as lawyers, accountants, entrepreneurs, financial managers, marketers, and technical writers. They also estimate that 100,000 Americans are currently employed in jobs directly related to the plants – a number which grows to [475,000 jobs](#) when you factor in secondary jobs related to the industry. What's more, the US Energy and Employment Report (USEER) predicts [a 7% job growth in 2019](#), especially in areas such as manufacturing.

It is easy to shrug off nuclear power as an object of a bygone era; something to be left behind in the wake of new emerging technologies and energy sources. However, when the facts are broken down, nuclear comes forth as a clean, reliable source of power that already sustains millions of people worldwide. As power needs increase, nuclear power stands as a dependable, safe, and job generating solution to bridge the energy gap.