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#### Can you research and provide publicly releasable microreactor power information geared toward supporting U.S. military efforts that have dual-use capabilities?

Microreactor technology has the potential to provide benefits to the military in both domestic and overseas operations. In response to a technical inquiry received by the Homeland Defense and Security Information Analysis Center, several microreactor programs were explored. This includes three government programs: (1) Project Pele, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, (2) the Microreactor Applications Research Validation and... **READ MORE** 

#### **UPCOMING WEBINAR**



Security Implications for the United States From Iranian and Hezbollah Activities in...

> December 12, 2024 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Presenter(s): Evan Ellis, Ph.D.

Host: HDIAC

This presentation will examine engagement with Latin America by Iran, its government agents, and surrogate groups such as Hezbollah, including terrorist finance, terrorism, and other activities and their evolution in recent years. It will address the interaction of that presence with the risk of escalating the conflict in the Middle East and weak or anti-U.S. governments in the region who deliberately or unwittingly serve as hosts of actions oriented... **READ MORE** 

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## HIGHLIGHT

# U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Breaks Ground on Project Pele Microreactor

The DoD broke ground on the Project Pele transportable microreactor project at Idaho National Laboratory (INL).

The demonstration project is being led by the DoD's Strategic Capabilities Office and could be one of the first advanced reactors to operate in the United States as early as 2026. **LEARN MORE** 

### **EVENTS**

**TechNet Indo-Pacific** October 22–24, 2024 *Honolulu, HI* 

**GridSecCon 2024** October 22–25, 2024 *Minneapolis, MN* 

**2024 Defense Logistics & Support Conference** October 29–30, 2024 *Arlington, VA* 

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Microgrids & Energy Resilience Summit October 30–31, 2024 National Harbor, MD Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Conference November 6–7, 2024 *Atlanta, GA* 

**11th Annual EOD/IED & Countermine Symposium** November 6–7, 2024 *National Harbor, MD* 

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#### VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

**Tyler Van Hook** *Chief Strategy Officer, Kognitiv Edge* 

Tyler Van Hook, Chief Strategy Officer at Kognitiv Edge, leads digital transformation efforts within training and education, where he focuses on innovative solutions that enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the processes, leveraging technology to ensure top-tier performance and readiness. He works with technologists, data scientists, and psychologists to develop solutions for the defense sector regarding human capital.

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- What is the medical impact of long-term exposure to shooting mortars, artillery, and tanks?
- Is there a group coordinating the elimination of per- and polyfluorinated substances, also known as the "forever chemicals," in U.S. Department of Defense materiel?

#### **RECENT CSIAC & DSIAC TIs**

- How are cybertools and cybertechnologies used in differentiating between automated reconnaissance and enumeration events and hands-onkeyboard events?
- What are the state-of-the-art use cases for augmented/virtual/extended reality in aviation maintenance?
- Can information be provided to explain beamforming techniques used for active, electronically scanned array radar/beam form/beam steer?

#### **FEATURED NEWS**

#### **DoD Hosts International Exchange on Shaping Cybersecurity** Workforce

A senior Defense Department official hosted government officials, academics, and entrepreneurs from Indonesia for a discussion on how the Pentagon is aligning its cyber workforce strategy to meet the demands... **READ MORE** 

#### **RECENT NEWS**



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