

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Peter Spencer
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: n/a **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 21, 2024 Return: April 22, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: n/a **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Columbia, SC and Waynesboro, GA Return City: DCA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Foundaton for Nuclear Studies
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Briefing on advanced nuclear technology, briefing on fuel fabrication, both in Columbia, SC, and site visit to Plant Vogtle, in Waynesboro, GA
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 04.29.2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers Date: 4/29/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies

2. Travel Destination(s): Plant Vogtle, Waynesboro, GA

3. Date of Departure: April 21, 2024 Date of Return: April 22, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See list attached


Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$712.07	\$221.16	\$231.04	na
Accompanying Family Member	na	na	na	na

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 4/24/2024

Name: LeeAnn Petersen Title: Executive Director

Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1432 Independence Avenue, SE #101, WDC 20003

Telephone: 202-744-6077 Email: leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Peter L. Spencer
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Columbia, SC and Waynesboro, GA
4. a. Date of Departure: April 21, 2024 Date of Return: April 22, 2024
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
My responsibilities as a PSM on Energy and Commerce include nuclear energy policy, and oversight of the regulation of nuclear units, including the experience of the construction and operation of Plant Vogtle.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member:  Date: 3/19/24

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Foundation for Nuclear Studies

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

Names provided on separate document

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: April 21, 2024 Date of Return: April 22, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Columbia, SC and Greensboro, GA

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 N/A

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$120/first day \$65/second day
 See breakdown attached
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Plant Vogtle Units 3 & 4 are the first new constructed nuclear units to be built in the United States in more than 30 years and a model

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hilton Columbia Center City: Columbia, SC Cost Per Night: \$194+ tax
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Close to airport and had enough rooms available for chosen night. Has a reg

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$701.57	\$194+	\$185
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: March 14, 2024
 Name: LeeAnn Petersen Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
 Address: 1432 Independence Ave, SW #101
 Email: leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.org Telephone: 202-744-6077

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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April 16, 2024

Mr. Peter Spencer
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Columbia, South Carolina, scheduled for April 21 to 22, 2024, sponsored by Foundation for Nuclear Studies.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:amr

Plant Vogtle Tour Attendees

Congressional Staffers Name and Office		
Aristotle	Boosalis	House Science Committee
Mike	Burnside	Congressman Mark Veasey
Elise	Krekorian	House Energy & Commerce
Willie	Lyles	Congressman Clyburn (SC-6)
Mary	Martin	House Energy & Commerce
Kylea	Rogers	House Energy & Commerce
Ziyan	Sears	Congressman Scott Peters
Peter	Spencer	House Energy & Commerce



FNS Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Plant Vogtle

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Monday, April 22, 2024

Sunday, April 21, 2024

- 5:35 pm – 7:08 pm **AA Flight 5095 Departs DCA and Arrives at CAE, Columbia, SC**
- 7:30 pm **Arrive hotel [Hilton Columbia Center](#) (15 min drive from airport)**
- 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Dinner with guest speaker “How Plant Vogtle plans to achieve net-zero carbon goals by 2050.”**

Monday, April 22, 2024

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast presentation with guest speaker “Georgia and the Clean Energy Transition.”**
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am **Bus to Plant Vogtle, 7821 River Rd, Waynesboro, GA, presentation on bus (two-hour drive). Video presentation on bus “US Nuclear Power Project: Plant Vogtle – Units 3&4.”**
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Welcome, overview and lunch presentation at visitor’s center**
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Tour of existing reactors Vogtle 1&2**
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Tour of new reactors Vogtle 3&4 (Tour stop schedule to follow ASAP)**
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Bus departs for CAE airport (two-hour drive)**
- 7:40 pm - 9:12 pm **AA Flight 5465 departs Columbia, SC and arrives DCA**



FNS Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Plant Vogtle

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Monday, April 22, 2024

INVITEES AND RATIONALE

First Name	Last Name	Office	Reason
Bill	Ball	Office of Speaker Mike Johnson	House Leadership
Francis	Brooke	Office of Majority Leader Scalise	House Leadership
Ian	Foley	Office of Majority Whip Emmer	House Leadership
Angie	Giancarlo	House Appropriations	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Funding
Nora	Khalil	House Appropriations	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Funding
Scott	McKee	House Appropriations	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Funding
Peter	Spencer	House Energy & Commerce	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Kris	Pittard	House Energy & Commerce	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Elise	Krekorian	House Energy & Commerce	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Tuley	Wright	House Energy & Commerce	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Aristotle	Boosalis	House Science Committee	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Joseph	Orellana	House Science Committee	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Adam	Rosenberg	House Science Committee	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Matters
Ian	Merrit	Energy and Water Approps	Committee of Jurisdiction on Nuclear Funding
Willie	Lyles, III	Majority Whip James Clyburn	House Leadership



FNS Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Plant Vogtle

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Monday, April 22, 2024

PROJECTED EXPENSES

TRAVEL

\$15pp Taxi or Uber from CAE airport to hotel on 4/22

\$198.57pp Round trip bus from Columbia, SC to Waynesboro, GA, back to Columbia, SC on 4/22

\$488pp for round trip coach flights on American Airlines from DCA to CAE. There are limited non-stop flights from DCA to CAE. We chose the best times and prices for our group.

\$701.57 Total

LODGING

\$194pp +tax and fees for one night in hotel [Hilton Columbia Center](#).

There are a limited number of hotels in Columbia, SC. The Hilton has a restaurant in it that will stay open later on a Sunday than other options. The Hampton Inn is slightly less expensive at \$164 per night but the restaurant is not open on Sunday night and there are no meeting rooms to bring in carryout.

\$194+ Total

MEALS

\$120PP +tax and tip for dinner at Ruth's Chris. This is the hotel restaurant and the only one open at 8pm on a Sunday night.

\$20pp + tax and tip for breakfast at hotel

\$25pp + tax and tip for lunch at Plant Vogtle

\$20pp + tax and tip for refreshments at the Airport before the flight home.

\$185pp Total



March 14, 2024

Mr. Peter Spencer
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Spencer,

The Foundation for Nuclear Studies (FNS) would like to cordially invite you to tour Georgia Power's Vogtle Power Station in Waynesboro, GA from Sunday, April 21, 2024 to Monday, April 22, 2024. On this educational trip, participants will be briefed on how a nuclear plant works, the safety systems in place, how the plant handles spent nuclear fuel, and the plant's commitment to environmental protection.

Plant Vogtle is America's first new investment in nuclear power in 30 years and generates more carbon-free electricity each year than any other energy facility currently operating in the US. Upon completion, Units 3 & 4, along with existing Units 1 & 2, are expected to power more than 1 million homes and businesses.

This tour is hosted by FNS in furtherance of our mission to educate and inform policy makers and their staff on the many aspects of nuclear energy and technology. Our goal is to give participants a firsthand look at what nuclear energy is, what it can do and where it comes from. These tours have the added benefit of connecting policy professionals from both political parties working in the energy and environment space so they can build a network to share information and cooperate on policy goals and initiatives. For more information about FNS please visit us at www.foundationfornuclearstudies.org.

Transportation, lodging and meals will be provided. If you no longer cover energy/environment issues in your portfolio, please feel free to suggest a colleague. Please RSVP to me at leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "LeeAnn M. Petersen".

LeeAnn M. Petersen, MPA
Executive Director