

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: Ian Andrew Merritt
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: October 16, 2024 Return: October 18, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: San Luis Obispo, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured the Diablo Canyon Power Plant
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: 10/25/2024

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: Rep. Chuck Fleischmann Date: 10/25/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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: Joseph Peterson Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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.

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TRAVELER FORM

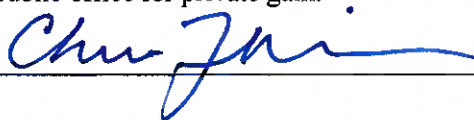
1. Name of Traveler: Ian Andrew Merritt
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: San Luis Obispo, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: 16 October 2024 Date of Return: 18 October 2024
b. Yes No 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.**
I am the Legislative Director for Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, Chairman of Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee. I am responsible for the energy portfolio and my boss is prioritizing the expansion of domestic nuclear power generation.
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: _____

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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: _____

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): _____

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

6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

7. a. City of departure: _____

b. Destination(s): _____

c. City of return: _____

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. _____
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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:

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): _____
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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October 9, 2024

Mr. Ian Andrew Merritt
Office of the Honorable Charles Fleischmann
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to San Luis Obispo, California, scheduled for October 16 to 18, 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

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First Name	Last Name	Email	Company	Job title
Aristotle	Boosalis	aristotle.bo	House Scie	Professional Staff Member
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Johanna	Montiel	johanna.m	Rep. Carvaj	Deputy Chief of Staff/ Legislative Director



Foundation for Nuclear Studies
Tour of Diablo Canyon
October 16-18, 2024
Summary Itinerary

Introduction

What makes Diablo Canyon so special, and an excellent case study for Congressional Staff is that the plant was slated to shut down in 2025 but was kept open due to California's overwhelming demand for safe, clean energy. The plant's twin reactors located midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, began operating in the mid-1980s and supply up to 9% of the state's electricity on any given day. Governor Newsom has said without Diablo Canyon Power Plant the state would experience rolling blackouts as demands for energy continue to grow. This comes at a time when other U.S. states are considering nuclear energy for the first time to meet their growing demand. California is one of the most environmentally conscious places in the world, so keeping Diablo Canyon open illustrates how valuable carbon free energy is and outweighs any challenges with waste storage and disposal. Since the plant is located on the coast of the most earthquake prone state in the country, it is also an excellent case study in safety and construction/design.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

1:05PM - Depart Washington IAD to San Luis Obispo through Los Angeles
UNITED AIRLINES 1689
Arrives 5:36 PM

6:00PM Bus pick up at airport and transfer to dinner at PGE Campus.

6:30-8:00PM - Dinner discussion with PGE representatives TBD. What to expect on the tour, history of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, contribution to the CA electrical grid and carbon reduction efforts.

8:00PM - Bus transfer to Hotel Cerro, 1125 Garden Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Thursday, October 17, 2024

7:00AM - Breakfast at hotel with speaker Ben Holtzman (Invited), Nuclear Energy Institute, on nuclear advancements made in the last decade and the difference between the reactors of the existing nuclear fleet like Diablo Canyon, new nuclear used for the reactors at America's newest power plant, Plant Vogtle in GA.

7:45AM - Bus transfer to Diablo Canyon Power Plant

8:00AM-2:00PM - Tour of Diablo Canyon Power Plant

<i>Time</i>		<i>Area/Location/Subject</i>	<i>Speaker/Contact</i>
8:00	A.M.	Arrive at Diablo Canyon Power Plant – Park in Lot 6	Michael Wagoner Permitting Supervisor for Decommissioning and Relicensing Tom Jones – Sr. Director of Regulatory, Environmental & Repurposing Trevor Rebel - Mgr. of Env. Permitting Decommission
8:05	A.M.	Safety Overview and Introductions	Tom Jones / Michael Wagoner
8:15	A.M.	Drive to Marina, Boat Safety Briefing	Trevor Rebel / Tom Jones
8:25	A.M.	Boat Tour of Intake, Discharge, and Lion Rock (weather permitting)	Tom Jones
8:50	A.M.	Return to Marina, Board Vehicle, Drive to Simulator Building	
9:00	A.M.	Restroom Break and Check Phones	
9:15	A.M.	Simulator Demonstration	Wagoner
9:45	A.M.	Walk to Security Building, Process into Protected Area	Wagoner
10:00	A.M.	Proceed to Admin Building 6 th Floor (604), Drop off Personal Belongings, Pick Up PPE	
10:15	A.M.	Turbine Building 140' Elevation	Jones
10:30	A.M.	Proceed to RCA 85' Access	
10:40	A.M.	Process into RCA, RCA Safety Briefing	Wagoner / RP
10:50	A.M.	View Unit 2 Spent Fuel Pool	Jones
11:30	P.M.	Exit RCA, Return to Room 604	
11:40	P.M.	Restroom Break / Check Phones	
11:45	P.M.	Working Lunch	Maureen Zawalick – VP, Business & Technical Services on DCPD Relicensing and Path Forward
1:15	P.M.	Exit PA, Board Vehicle, Drive to ISFSI, ISFSI Overview Through Fence	Jones
1:45	P.M.	Return to Lot 7, Depart DCPD	
2:00	P.M.	Tour End	

2:00PM – Bus pick up and transfer to Kelsey See Canyon Vinyards, 1947 See Canyon Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. Tour debrief and Q&A with Harmony Barbera of PG&E. Guest speaker Michael Boswell (invited) on local government efforts in central California to mitigate climate change using nuclear as part of the energy mix. Bio here: <https://ucm.calpoly.edu/faculty-experts/michael-boswell>

5:00PM Transfer to dinner at Sensorio, 4380 CA-46, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

5:30PM-7:30PM Dinner and discussion featuring guest speaker, Christina Hironaka (invited), Senior Advisor for Energy to Governor Gavin Newsom on the future of nuclear in the State of California.

Transfer to hotel Hotel Cerro, 1125 Garden Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Friday, October 18, 2024

Breakfast at hotel

Make your own way to the airport

San Luis Obispo SBP to Washington IAD

Departs 8:15 AM

Arrives 6:15 PM



FNS confirmed Congressional Staff guests for 2024 October Diablo Canyon trip

Office	First name	Last name	Reason
Speaker Mike Johnson	Bill	Ball	Leadership
Minority Leader Jeffries	Josephine	Amusa	Leadership
House Science Committee	Aristotle	Boosalis	Com. of jurisdiction
House Science Committee	Joseph	Orellana	Com. of jurisdiction
			Co-chair advanced
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann	Ian	Merrit	nuclear caucus
Rep. Salud Carbajal	Johanna	Montiel	CA member
Rep. Sanford Bishop	Julian	Johnson	Energy in portfolio
Rep. Mark Veasey	Mike	Burnside	Energy & Commerce
Rep. Bob Latta	Jacqueline	Horsley	Energy & Commerce
Office of the Dem. Whip	Shelby	Davis-Prettiman	Leadership

Each of these staffers were invited because nuclear energy is either in their portfolio, or the Member they work for is on a committee of jurisdiction over nuclear issues.