

Alex Klenman on the Uranium Market and Azincourt's East Preston Project in the Athabasca Basin

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky spoke with Alex Klenman, President, CEO and Director of [Azincourt Energy Corp.](#) (TSXV: AAZ | OTCQB: AZURF) about the current uranium market and about commencement of road preparation at Azincourt's East Preston Uranium Project in the Athabasca Basin as they prepare for their largest drill program to date.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube ([click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel](#)), Alex Klenman said that Azincourt holds a large land position in the Athabasca Basin in Saskatchewan strategically located in the vicinity of many large uranium projects. With significant institutional ownership, Alex said that Azincourt is well funded and is getting closer to making an 'impactful discovery'. He also provided an update on how Azincourt has started to utilize artificial intelligence in its exploration modeling to reduce both cost and environmental impact.

To watch the full interview, [click here](#).

About Azincourt Energy Corp.

Azincourt Energy is a Canadian-based resource company specializing in the strategic acquisition, exploration, and development of alternative energy/fuel projects, including uranium, lithium, and other critical clean energy elements. The

Company is currently active at its joint venture East Preston uranium project in the Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan, Canada, and the Escalera Group uranium-lithium project located on the Picotani Plateau in southeastern Peru.

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Back to the Future of Sourcing Uranium for Reliable Energy with Fission 3.0

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It's hard to envision the world getting all its electricity from renewable assets (solar, wind, geothermal, possibly hydro depending on how you classify it) any time soon. Sure [Swanson's Law](#) and [Moore's Law](#) would suggest that the cost-effectiveness and technology behind solar cells is improving at a very rapid pace but the reality is, we aren't getting even close to our climate targets and reducing or possibly even eliminating the burning of fossil fuels for electricity unless we include nuclear power in the mix. There certainly seems to be ebb and flow around the perception of nuclear power as a green alternative. Nevertheless, it is a very efficient source of electricity that has a [very low carbon footprint](#). In fact, it produces zero carbon emissions in the electricity generation process, but mining and refining uranium ore and making reactor fuel all require energy.

I'm a firm believer that nuclear power should be part of the asset mix going forward and I'm not alone. At present, about 10% of the world's electricity is generated from uranium in nuclear reactors. This amounts to over 2,550 TWh each year, coming from over 440 nuclear reactors operating in 30 countries. About 50 more reactors are under construction and over 100 are planned. Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine all get 30% or more of their electricity from nuclear reactors while France is over 70%. You also may be surprised to learn that the USA has just under 100 reactors operating, supplying 20% of its electricity.

This may sound pretty bullish for uranium but the reality is, post Fukushima (March 2011) there was a pretty noticeable (and negative) response on the demand side and it's only been in the last couple of years that the overall supply/demand balance for uranium has come back into balance. In fact, it is slowly but surely creeping towards a reasonable supply deficit. You can almost see it happening on the spot uranium price chart below.



Source: TradingEconomics.com

So where am I going with all of this? I hope you're thinking of uranium as an investment opportunity or I'm not doing a very good job. And where better to look for a uranium opportunity than a team that has already succeeded twice in finding uranium in one of the most prolific uranium districts in the world, the Athabasca Basin in Saskatchewan. [Fission 3.0 Corp.](#) (TSXV: FUU | OTCQB: FISOF) is the third generation Fission run by one of Canada's leading uranium exploration teams. The Company's management, headed up by Dev Randhawa as CEO & Chairman and Ross McElroy, is the team that founded Fission Uranium Corp. (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF) and made the Patterson Lake South high-grade discovery. The same team also founded Fission Energy Corp.,

making the J-Zone high-grade discovery in the Athabasca Basin and building Fission into a TSX Venture 50 Company that sold the majority of its assets to Denison Mines in April 2013.

Granted Ross McElroy [stepped down](#) as COO of the Company in February to focus on the development of the Triple R deposit at Patterson Lake South owned by Fission Uranium. Mr. McElroy will remain on Fission 3.0's Board of Directors, remain as the Company's qualified person and he was still part of the technical team that built Fission 3.0's portfolio of properties in Canada's Athabasca Basin. And Fission 3.0 has plenty of them, 14 in total including [3 properties](#) that basically surround the Triple R deposit.



Source: Fission 3.0 [Corporate Presentation](#)

Fission 3.0 used staking strategies and historic uranium discoveries in identifying claims in the Athabasca Basin. The Company has large tracts of land in close proximity to other major uranium discoveries. These properties were staked based on the innovative airborne technology that was used in discovering the uranium boulder field which lead to the PLS Triple R deposit.

Fission 3.0 engages in early-stage land acquisitions and is a "Project Generator". The Company's primary objective is to locate, evaluate and acquire properties with the potential to host high-grade uranium and to finance exploration and potential development by way of equity financing, joint ventures, option agreements or other means. In June [Fission 3.0 raised \\$1.2 million](#) for future exploration work, or elephant hunting if you will. With a market cap of just under \$23 million there is a lot of leverage to the upside if this team is able to unearth another Triple R type of project (Fission Uranium has a current

market cap of almost \$395 million). Time will tell if their innovative airborne technology is the secret sauce for attracting those elephants.

Dev Randhawa on Fission 3.0 and why ESG Investors are looking at Uranium

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Peter Clausi speaks with Dev Randhawa, Chairman and CEO of [Fission 3.0 Corp.](#) (TSXV: FUU | OTCQB: FISOF) about the rising market interest in uranium and exploring for uranium in Canada's Athabasca Basin, the world's leading source of high-grade uranium.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube ([click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel](#)), Dev went on to say how Fission 3.0 has been able to stake a portfolio of near-surface high-grade uranium assets in close proximity to other major uranium discoveries. Led by the team that founded Fission Uranium Corp. (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF) and made the Patterson Lake South (PLS) high-grade uranium discovery, Dev said that Fission 3.0 has significant insider ownership which aligns the management's interest with that of the shareholders. Dev also highlighted the uranium supply deficit and the rising interest in the sector. He added, "...it is the only energy that is carbon-free, has no footprint yet can provide baseload power."

To watch the full interview, [click here](#)

About Fission 3.0 Corp.

Fission 3.0 Corp. is a Canadian based resource company specializing in the strategic acquisition, exploration and development of uranium properties and is headquartered in Kelowna, British Columbia. Common Shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "FUU".

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Fission's Ross McElroy on how "we are in the early stages of a uranium bull market"

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InvestorIntel's Tracy Weslosky spoke with Ross McElroy, President & CEO of [Fission Uranium Corp.](https://www.fissionuranium.com) (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF), about the uranium market and the competitive advantages of Fission's Triple R uranium deposit.

"We do think that we are in the early stages of a uranium bull market," Ross said. "The longer we have increased demand, we will see restrictions in the supply, it will continue to drive the price of uranium up and there has been nothing but closures of uranium mines around the world."

"The recognition is there that nuclear power is a clean energy," Ross added. "Nuclear makes up over 15% of the United States'

electrical needs and I think that will continue.” He further commented, “Fission Uranium has the world’s best large, high-grade shallow deposit that is in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is recognized as one of the top jurisdictions worldwide for mining investment.”

To access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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Jeffrey Klenda on the staying power of Ur-Energy’s uranium project and the dangers of the Russian Suspension Agreement

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“When you talk about our quarter and our seventh year we are very pleased,” Jeffrey Klenda, Chairman, President, and CEO of [Ur-Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE American: URG | TSX: URE), told InvestorIntel’s Tracy Weslosky in an interview. “We started production in August of 2013. The thing that is most astonishing about it is that during that time we have emerged as one of the lowest cost producers, not just in North America but globally.”

“Our recovery rate is in excess of 90%,” Klenda told InvestorIntel. “We are still producing out of our first mine unit, seven years after we first started production there. That is extraordinary considering that most mine units last about two

to three years before they are done. It's a beast of a project. We are in the second mine unit now and we have ten mine units to go after this. So, it is going to be a long life project."

Jeffrey went on to speak about the Russian Suspension Agreement. He said that the Agreement has morphed into a way for Russian companies to dump nuclear fuel into the US market. As a result, the US has developed an inordinate dependency on the Russian supply. He cautioned, "it is an unwise energy policy and it is downright dangerous national security policy."

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Dev Randhawa on the uranium market and Fission's US\$10 million credit facility with Sprott

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"The spot price has shot up and reason the spot price has shot up is that for too long utilities have been counting on the short term market for their supply of uranium and suddenly with closures at Cigar Lake, in Africa, and we might see more, 54% of world's supply disappeared overnight." States Dev Randhawa, Chairman and CEO of [Fission Uranium Corp.](#) (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF), in an interview with InvestorIntel's Tracy Weslosky.

Dev went on to provide an update on Fission's US\$10 million credit facility with Sprott. Dev said, "We are very excited to have Sprott onside. Not will it just give us a bigger runway to see what happens with spot price but also have support of the likes of Rick Rule in the open market to the wisdom of Peter Grosskopf...This is very smart money, very intellegent money who have all sorts of arms to help you move forward in your corporate plans."

Fission's Triple R Project is located in the Athabasca Basin region in Saskatchewan, which is one the best jurisdictions in the world to have a mining project. Dev said, "You cannot put a price on jurisdiction. Just ask some people who had their mines taken...All of Canada's uranium comes from one spot which is the Athabasca. They have got 60 years of mining experience...They want the industry so they work with you."

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The DoE's plan to rebuild the uranium sector and "pull America's nuclear industrial base back from the brink of

collapse...”

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The United States Nuclear Fuel Working Group (NFWG), via the US Department of Energy, released its report yesterday which gave glowing recommendations to rebuild the US uranium and nuclear energy sector. This is great news for the entire US uranium and nuclear sector, and particularly for US uranium miners. The title and contents of the report show the US Government’s strong commitment to rebuild the sector and make ‘it great again’.

US Dept. of Energy – “Restoring America’s Competitive Nuclear Energy Advantage”



The report summary [states](#):

“As an initial and important step, the President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request for the Department of Energy includes \$150 million to stand up a domestic Uranium Reserve. It will begin with the purchase of uranium from U.S. mines and of U.S. conversion services.”

The [full NFWG report](#) states:

- “First, the U.S. Government will take bold action to revive and strengthen the uranium mining industry, support uranium conversion services, end reliance on foreign uranium enrichment capabilities, and sustain the current fleet, removing strategic vulnerabilities across the nuclear fuel cycle and restoring a world-class workforce to provide benefits to the U.S. and to compete in the international market.
- Next, the U.S. Government will leverage American technological innovation and advanced nuclear Research,

Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) investments to accelerate technical advances and regain American nuclear energy leadership.

- Finally, the U.S. Government will move into markets currently dominated by Russian and Chinese State Owned Enterprises (SOE) and recover our position as the world leader in exporting best-in-class nuclear energy technology, and with it, strong non-proliferation standards. We will restore American nuclear credibility and demonstrate American commitment to competing in contested markets and repositioning America as the responsible nuclear energy partner of choice.”

“It is within our power to pull America’s nuclear industrial base back from the brink of collapse and restore our place as the global leader in nuclear technology – ensuring a strong national security position and buttressing our economic strength for generations.”

The report recommends to “provide immediate action to support US uranium mining”

Quoted from the [full NFWG report](#):

- “The Administration supports actions associated with the timeline that will provide funding for a competitive procurement for U.S. uranium mining, conversion services, in the very near term, as reflected in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 President’s Budget, and will also consider enrichment needs after first addressing the existing pressure on the uranium mining sector. The Department of Energy believes that a 10-year timeline reflects a responsible approach to addressing the challenges facing the front-end of the fuel cycle.....
- As included in the President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request, during the first year, it is expected that the

reserve would directly support the operation of at least two U.S. uranium mines and the reestablishment of active domestic conversion capabilities.....

- Support Department of Commerce (DOC) efforts to extend the Russian Suspension Agreement (RSA) to protect against future uranium dumping in the U.S. market. Since 1992 DOC has upheld the need for a Suspension Agreement that establishes a maximum cap for imports of Russian uranium to 20% of the U.S. market to reduce the impact of Russia's unfair trade practices. DOC is again reviewing the RSA for possible extension upon the expiration of the current agreement in 2020. The Working Group supports the extension of the RSA beyond 2020 and the consideration of further lowering the cap on Russian imports under future RSA terms.
- Enable Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to deny imports of nuclear fuel fabricated in Russia or China for national security purposes."

Potential expansion of the currently proposed uranium reserve

The [full NFWG report](#) also states:

"A decision to expand the currently proposed uranium reserve will be made based on a variety of factors, including cost, impact, need, and on-the-ground conditions. The ultimate goal of the Administration's actions is to create an appropriate safeguard for the United States and our allies against unfair market intervention by foreign states or other disruption and provide a source of unobligated uranium for strategic purposes in a manner that is in the best interest of the taxpayer. Any potential expansion of the currently proposed uranium reserve to include enriched uranium or an expansion of the AAFS (American Assured Fuel Supply) could require the procurement of the equivalent of about 24 additional large light-water reactor

reloads of enriched uranium, with the following estimated scale of services to be procured and commencement dates:

- Mined and milled uranium estimated between 17 and 19 million pounds in the form of U3O8, beginning in 2020;
- Domestic conversion services resulting in about 6,000 to 7,500 tons of UF₆, beginning no later than 2022; and
- Domestic enrichment services beginning possibly in the 2023 timeframe, of which 25% would be unobligated. However, no commitment has been made to take action beyond the Uranium Reserve proposed in the FY21 Budget, which addresses the sectors most imminently at risk.”

The US uranium sector is set to rise again



Closing remarks

The NFWG/Department of Energy’s report officially confirms some of what was previously reported, with the title saying it all – “Restoring America’s Competitive Nuclear Energy Advantage.”

For the US uranium miners the US\$150 million US uranium reserve was confirmed to “directly support the operation of at least two U.S. uranium mines and the reestablishment of active domestic conversion capabilities.” The US uranium sector should get a significant boost from this great news.

Looking at the main US uranium miners Energy Fuels Inc. (NYSE: UUUU | TSX: EFR) and [UR-Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE: URG | TSX:URE), they stand to be the major beneficiaries, especially given they started the whole S232 petition back in January 2018. Others in the sector may also do well, include [Western Uranium & Vanadium Corp.](#) (CSE: WUC | OTCQX: WSTRF) and [Fission Uranium Corp.](#) (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF).

Dev Randhawa on the 'significant increase' in the uranium spot price and Fission's world class Triple R Project

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"Triple R (uranium deposit) ticks the boxes that no other deposit does. It is in the right place, Canada, more importantly we are in Saskatchewan (Athabasca Basin region) where they are pro-mining and pro-business. So we are in the right jurisdiction. It is a shallow deposit, just 50m from surface, it is high grade with over 100 million pounds...and now that the risk of funding is out of the way, I think that is why the stock has performed well." States Dev Randhawa, Chairman and CEO of [Fission Uranium Corp.](#) (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF), in an interview with InvestorIntel's Peter Clausi.

Dev went on to say that the western utility companies rely heavily on foreign sources and the spot market for their uranium supply. He considers it to be very short term and a poor strategy. He said that roughly 50% of the uranium transactions are on the spot market. Now with mines closing down in Kazakhstan and elsewhere and because of the coronavirus pandemic about 54% of the monthly uranium supply has been taken out. This has caused the [spot price of uranium](#) to go up significantly. He continued by saying that uranium will emerge a winner from this coronavirus outbreak.

Dev also said that the world needs energy and uranium plays a big part to have clean energy available. It is the only energy source which can provide base load without leaving a footprint. If we want a cleaner energy source uranium has to be a part of it.

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Fission's Dev Randhawa on the uranium market and the competitive advantages of location

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"I believe there are only two places where you can make money. You got to be in Kazakhstan ISL which is working well or be in Canada because Canada has got jurisdiction and the Athabasca produces about 14% of the world's production because they have grades 10 to 20 times global average. So you have to be in Canada but you need to be large...the thing that sets us apart is that our deposit is 50 meters from the surface. It is big, it is in Canada (Athabasca Basin region), has high grades making it easier to produce." States Dev Randhawa, Chairman and CEO of [Fission Uranium Corp.](#) (TSX: FCU | OTCQX: FCUUF), in an interview with InvestorIntel's Peter Clausi at [PDAC](#) 2020.

Dev went on to say that utilities are running short on inventories which is a global issue. Even defense no longer has as much uranium they used to have and is running the risk of submarines running out of energy in the middle of the ocean. [The Trump Administration](#) has decided to set aside \$150 million a year for 10 years for establishing U.S. uranium reserve. Dev continued, "When there is a turn in the uranium industry it happens very quickly." About 20% of Fission Uranium is owned by CGN Mining which Dev said, "is the mothership of our industry."

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Jeff Klenda and Jack Lifton discuss American uranium as the market awaits the Nuclear Fuel Working Group's recommendation for Trump

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"In January of 2018, we submitted a Section 232 Petition which was a section under the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. This was immediately after a face to face meeting with the Secretary of Energy, Rick Perry. One of the things we were speaking to him about was our concerns that at that time we were roughly

producing about 5% of our own (uranium) needs here in the United States and the other 95% was coming from outside the country. Almost 50% of that coming from Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. So we found ourselves in a position where although nuclear energy provides 20% of our baseload in the United States, we are allowing ourselves to become dangerously dependent on geostrategic rivals. That is a dangerous national security policy and we felt that Section 232 would be the best avenue that we can go to address that problem for the nation.” States Jeffrey Klenda, Chairman, President, and CEO of [Ur-Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE: URG | TSX: URE), in an interview with InvestorIntel’s Jack Lifton.

A Presidential Memorandum in July in response to the Section 232 established the U.S. Nuclear Fuel Working Group to provide a fuller analysis of national security considerations with respect to the entire nuclear fuel supply chain, and specifically to develop recommendations for reviving and expanding domestic uranium production. Ur-Energy awaits the recommendations of the Working Group, which are anticipated to be made and acted upon at any time now.

Jeffrey went on to say that Ur-Energy is the lowest cost uranium producer outside of Kazakhstan. He said that state-owned companies in Kazakhstan receive subsidies from their government to offset their base cost and work under lax environmental constraints. They have also devalued their currency by 85-90 percent over the last five years, hence their costs are lower. Jeffrey also said that Ur-Energy’s Lost Creek Project is in production and the company has strong fundamentals.

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