

## **10 Billion and Nothing to Wear: Inventory Level Mitigation**

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### **Biography**

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### **Abstract - 10 Billion and Nothing to Wear: Inventory Level Mitigation**

Inventory levels are considered to be, “excessively” high throughout the industry. This will be an executive-level overview of inventory management in commercial nuclear facilities; how we got here and now how do, we get out of here. This overview will include discussions on what makes up our inventory, accounting rules and regulations, differences in treatment between merchant and regulated utilities, best practices around minimizing growth, innovative practices, industry initiatives, available inventory control technology and recommendations for the industry.