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Ms Rita Baranwal serves as the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Nuclear Energy in the US Department of Energy (DOE). She leads the office's efforts to promote research and development (R&D) on existing and advanced nuclear technologies that sustain the US fleet of nuclear reactors, enable the deployment of advanced nuclear energy systems, and enhance the US global commercial nuclear energy competitiveness.

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