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OPG Employee Receives International Award

Contributions to Nuclear Safety and Emergency Preparedness Recognized

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation’s (OPG) commitment to nuclear safety and emergency preparedness was recently recognized by the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO).

Fred Dermarkar, OPG Vice President of Engineering Strategy, was named the recipient of the prestigious Nuclear Excellence Award for OPG’s contributions to the overall WANO Post-Fukushima Response.

“I consider myself very fortunate to be part of a great team at OPG -- a team that places an over-riding priority on nuclear safety both in words and actions,” said Dermarkar.

The OPG Fukushima Response Project was established in 2011 to ensure adequate safety and accident management processes were in place, and to share industry lessons learned. The award recognizes OPG’s work in risk and safety management in the Canadian and international nuclear programs.

“The nuclear industry is constantly learning and adapting to enhance safety. Fred embodies this behaviour and works every day to make us better,” said Tom Mitchell, OPG President and CEO. “I congratulate him and thank the entire OPG Fukushima response team, who immediately launched a thorough assessment of our own systems and operations to confirm their safety in extraordinary event situations.”

Watch this video for more information on how lessons learned from Fukushima have been put into action at OPG’s nuclear facilities.

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