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ONTARIO POWER GENERATION'S BIODIVERSITY EFFORTS RECOGNISED ***Wildlife Habitat Council recertifies wildlife management program.***

Tiverton -- The Wildlife Habitat Council has recertified the wildlife management program at the Western Waste Management Facility (WWMF) operated by Ontario Power Generation (OPG).

"All of the WWMF employees helped us achieve this success. Stewardship of the environment is only achieved by the conscientious actions of every single person" said Janice Hudson, Vice President Nuclear Waste Management Division at OPG.

To achieve certification an organization must successfully implement a Wildlife Management Program with one or more projects to improve wildlife habitat. The company must go above and beyond any legislative requirement to be considered for certification.

In making the decision, the council noted that WWMF were committed to a long-term program that provides and enhances wildlife habitat.

Through OPG's Biodiversity Policy, the WWMF has been active on a variety of projects to promote wildlife on its lands and in the community. Examples include:

- tree planting,
- a research project focused on the endangered Spotted Turtle and its habitat,
- invasive species control initiatives,
- community biodiversity awareness sessions,
- funding conservation projects, and
- funding public school naturalization projects.

The WWMF first partnered and received certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council in 2007. The council is a non profit international organization that is focused on engaging industry to achieve conservation through protection, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is celebrating its 10th year of serving the province. Building on a proud history, OPG provides the people and industry of Ontario with clean, safe and reliable electricity - just as it's always done.

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