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OPG COMPLETES SAFE STORAGE OF PICKERING UNITS 2 AND 3
Complex project finished ahead of schedule and under budget

Durham—Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has completed the safe storage of Pickering Nuclear Units 2 and 3; ahead of schedule and under budget.

“The success of this project was directly related to the company’s commitment to strong project management, which includes detailed planning and implementation,” said Bill Robinson, Executive Vice President Nuclear Refurbishment, Projects and Support. “We also did this complicated work safely with no harm to our staff or the environment,” he added.

All four units at Pickering A were taken out of service in 1997. Units 1 and 4 were brought back into service in 2005 and 2003 respectively, but in 2005 OPG’s management decided to put the remaining units into safe storage.

This involved removing all of the fuel and heavy and light water systems, as well as separating systems such as fire suppression equipment the units shared with the two operating units.

“We can take a lot of pride in this accomplishment. Other nuclear reactors have been put into safe storage, but this is the first time this work was done while other adjacent reactors were still in operation. The fact we were able to do it ahead of schedule and under budget is a testament to the skill and teamwork of our staff and contractors,” Robinson said.

The project was completed two weeks ahead of schedule and about \$15 million below its projected budget of \$350 million.

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