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## ATIKOKAN GENERATING STATION BACK IN SERVICE AFTER DECEMBER ACCIDENT

Atikokan, Ont – The Atikokan Generating Station was declared in service January 31, 2009. The plant had been out of service since an explosion December 1, 2008.

“Getting the plant back in service so quickly was the result of a lot of hard work and team work,” said Station Manager Ed Enge. “The key was and continues to be safety, both in completing repairs and in operations.”

The cause of the event at the 211 MW plant located northwest of Thunder Bay is still under investigation, although it was related to the use of biomass fuel. The station will use only coal as a fuel while studies on safe handling biomass fuel are completed. Biomass testing will continue when it is certain it can be done safely.

The explosion damaged some internal wiring systems and equipment and external cladding and roofing. Temporary repairs to the building exterior have been made and permanent repairs are scheduled for the spring.

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