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## ONTARIO POWER GENERATION'S PICKERING STATION DEALS WITH ALGAE

[Toronto]: Ontario Power Generation's Pickering B Generating Station is taking action today to reduce its electrical output as a result of algae blockage in the station's water intake systems.

Recent hot weather has resulted in an increased growth of algae in Lake Ontario. Wind and wave conditions today have increased the flow of algae, causing a larger than normal amount of algae to enter the station's water intake systems.

The algae accumulates on screens and filters, which temporarily reduces the station's ability to draw in the large volumes of water needed for cooling the steam in the station's turbine condensers; part of the conventional or non-nuclear side of the station.

Pickering Unit 5 is off line, and will be brought back as soon as the algae can be cleaned away and normal water flow is re-established. This condition is brought about by algae in the lake and is totally unrelated to the recent maintenance outage taken on Unit 5.

There are no environmental or safety concerns for public or staff and Unit 5 is expected to be back in service within a few days.

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