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STRONG SAFETY CULTURE AT PICKERING NUCLEAR

International safety review team releases final report

Pickering – The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has confirmed the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station demonstrates a strong commitment to safety. The results of the review are welcome news to Ontario Power Generation (OPG) as it implements plans to operate Pickering Nuclear to 2024.

The IAEA's Operational Safety Review Team (OSART), comprised of international nuclear safety and operational experts, reached its conclusion following a 19-day visit last September.

"This type of feedback is very important for our industry," said Randy Lockwood, Pickering's site Vice President. "We are a learning culture focused on continuous improvement. International peer reviews help us identify strengths and areas for improvement, which allows us to grow as an organization. We've already begun work to address the recommendations and we look forward to OSART's follow up visit in 2018 to track our improvement."

In addition to the favourable [OSART review](#), Pickering Nuclear received the highest possible safety rating of "fully satisfactory" from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in its most recent [Safety Report](#).

These reports and technical studies confirm Pickering Nuclear can be safely operated to 2024. Extending its operating life will save Ontario electricity customers up to \$600 million, avoid 17 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions and protect 4,500 jobs across Durham Region.

OPG generates safe, clean, reliable, low-cost power for Ontario. More than 99 per cent of this power is free of smog and greenhouse gas emissions. OPG's power is priced 40 per cent lower than other generators, which helps moderate customer bills.

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