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Significant Milestone at Pickering Nuclear *Unit 5 performed for 523 consecutive days*

Pickering – OPG’s Pickering station achieved its second longest generating run for one of the station’s units last week. On Jan. 12, Pickering’s unit 5 was shut down to begin a maintenance outage, ending 523 consecutive days of generating safe, reliable and cost-effective electricity for the province, with virtually no emissions that contribute to greenhouse gases. In 1994, Pickering’s unit 7 set a world record when it operated for 894 days without a shutdown.

“This is a great example of the significant contribution the Pickering station makes to the Ontario grid,” says Glenn Jager, OPG’s Chief Nuclear Officer. “It is also a testament to our skilled employees who understand their important role in upholding the highest standards of safety and quality while meeting the needs of Ontarians.”

During its 45 years in operation, Pickering Nuclear has been an important part of the Ontario electricity system, producing over 750 terawatt hours or enough electricity to power the entire province for five full years (at current consumption). Pickering has a total output of 3,100 megawatts (MW) and produces approximately 14 per cent of Ontario’s electricity each year.

The station will continue to demonstrate its value as an important source of energy during the refurbishment of OPG’s Darlington Nuclear station, beginning in 2016.

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