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## OPG'S NUCLEAR STATIONS ACHIEVE HIGHEST SAFETY RATINGS

*Darlington and Pickering facilities continue to operate safely*

**Toronto** – The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has once again awarded Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Darlington and Pickering nuclear stations its highest safety rating of "Fully Satisfactory". For nine consecutive years Darlington Nuclear has achieved the highest possible safety rating while Pickering Nuclear has achieved the highest possible safety rating for the third year in a row. Combined, the plants provide about 30 per cent of the electricity used in the province.

"Excellence in Nuclear Operations remains our focus at Ontario Power Generation," said Sean Granville, OPG's Chief Nuclear Officer. "We remain committed to providing clean energy while protecting the public, the environment and our staff."

The Pickering nuclear station is one of Ontario's most important generating assets. OPG will continue operating Pickering until 2024 to ensure a reliable, clean source of power during the Darlington refurbishment project. This continued operation 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.

In October 2016, OPG started work on the \$12.8 billion refurbishment of Darlington nuclear station. The Darlington refurbishment project is under budget, ahead of schedule and Canada's largest clean energy project. An independent report by the Conference Board of Canada estimates that the project and subsequent 30 years of station operation will generate a total of \$89.9 billion in economic benefits for Ontario, including supporting approximately 14,000 jobs.

Darlington Nuclear's "Fully Satisfactory" rating for the ninth year in a row is the strongest continuous performance by any Canadian nuclear power plant.

Learn more about [nuclear safety at OPG](#).

View the [CNSC 2017 Integrated Safety Assessment](#).

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 an average of 40 per cent lower than other generators, which helps moderate customer bills.

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