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## OPG REPLACES 86-YEAR-OLD TRANSFORMERS

*Ontario's hydroelectric assets continue to serve for generations*

**Thunder Bay** – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has safely replaced transformers at its Alexander Generating Station (GS), located on the Nipigon River. The replacement of aging transformers and other equipment is a process that's taking place across OPG's fleet of 65 hydroelectric stations. This replacement program is imperative to ensure renewable and clean power is generated and delivered reliably every day to Ontarians.

"The new transformers are part of a systematic approach to maintain a valuable provincial asset that provides clean energy for customers," says Paul Giardetti, OPG's Northwest Operations Vice-President. "I'm particularly proud that we had no safety incidents during this project, which took over 10,000 hours of labour to complete."

For more than eight decades, these mammoth structures of copper and steel did the work of converting and transmitting electricity to residents and businesses across northwestern Ontario.

In 2012, OPG began a four-year plan to replace the aging transformers at the five-unit generating station. The new transformers are smaller in size, more efficient in design and weigh 125,000 pounds each.

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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