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**OPG** Update on the Refurbishment Project at the Darlington Nuclear **Generating Station** 

Mise à jour d'OPG sur le projet de réfection à la centrale nucléaire de **Darlington** 

**Commission Meeting** 

Réunion de la Commission

**December 9, 2020** 

Le 9 décembre 2020



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# Agenda

- 1 | Darlington Overview
- 2 | Darlington Refurbishment Program
  Unit 2 Refurbishment Complete
- 3 | Unit 3 Overview & Readiness
- 4 | OPG Reinvesting in Ontario



# **Darlington Nuclear**

Low cost, reliable, clean baseload generation, as well as delivering substantial economic benefits to the province In-service early 1990's, providing over 25 years of clean, competitive, reliable power

- Four units
- 3524 MW net output
- Delivers 20 percent of Ontario's electricity
- Power for 2 million homes

Recognized internationally for excellent performance

Strong community support

Unit 1 now holds the world record for continuous operation of a nuclear reactor, surpassing previous record of 962 days

DNRU2 completion sets a new standard for CANDU refurbishment



# Darlington Nuclear for the Future





and reliability of the Darlington station.

Together, we will #PowerOn as we build the foundation for Darlington for the future.

# Darlington Nuclear Refurbishment Project

20-year project

- 10 years planning, 10 years execution
- Each Unit will undergo Refurbishment outage of 35-44 months
- Overlapping Refurbishment of U3 & U1 and U1 & U4

Replace major reactor components and upgrade key plant systems

Substantial safety and equipment investments

\$12.8B investment; 14,000+ jobs; \$89.9B boost to Ontario's GDP



# DARLINGTON NUCLEAR REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

30 MORE YEARS OF CLEAN ELECTRICITY NUCLEAR ENERGY PLAYS A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN ONTARIO'S CLEAN-ENERGY EQUATION

THE REFURBISHED

DARLINGTON STATION

WILL REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS

EMISSIONS BY AN ESTIMATED

297
MILLION TONNES

THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF REMOVING

MILLION
Cars per
YEAR

FROM ONTARIO'S ROADS

**20%** 

HOMES AND BUSINESSES
ARE POWERED BY DARLINGTON WITH VIRTUALLY
NO GREENHOUSE GASES

OF ONTARIO'S POWER IS SUPPLIED BY DARLINGTON -ENOUGH TO SERVE A CITY OF 2 MILLION PEOPLE

OF ONTARIO'S DAILY ELECTRICITY NEEDS ARE SUPPLIED BY THIS PROVINCE'S NUCLEAR FLEET

30 YEARS OF POWER
BELOW AVERAGE COSTS

ONTARIO POWER
GENERATION

# Refurbishment Scope

### Defuel, Fuel Handling, Special Projects



Remove all fuel safely from reactor core Fuel handling system refurbishment Special Projects:

- Shutdown system computers
- Vault coolers

### Retube and Feeder Replacement



Replace reactor components that have reached the end of their service

### **Turbine / Generator**



Perform extensive preventative maintenance on the Turbine Generator, including an upgrade of the control system to modern configurations

### **Steam Generators**

Steam Generator cleaning provides enhanced performance for the future. Access ports will be installed to improve inspection capabilities



### **Balance of Plant**



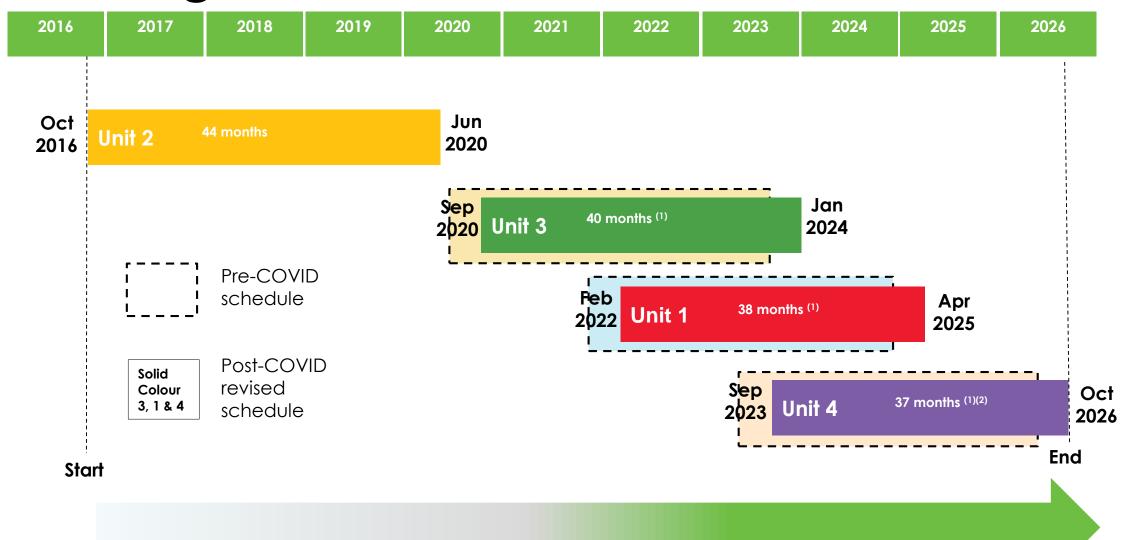
As part of the station lifecycle management program, modifying and replacing a wide variety of plant equipment that is approaching the end of service life or is difficult to repair on a fueled reactor

### Cyclic Outage



- •Preventive maintenance
- Station backlog
- •Valve rehabilitation, PM/CM

# Darlington Refurbishment Schedule



### Notes:

- (1) High Confidence Schedule
  - (2) Unit 4 will commence upon completion of Unit 3 between Sep/23 and Jan/24

# Unit 2

Unit 2 returned to service on June 4, 2020

- 24 Million hours worked with 1 Lost Time Accident (LTA) – final months completed safely with COVID restrictions
- High quality of work
- Will provide 30 more years of reliable, clean, low-cost power to Ontario

Unit 2 operating reliably post-refurbishment

Four unit Refurbishment remains on budget and on time for revised schedule



Unit 2
100%
Complete

24
million
hours worked

Systems in Service

18
Major safety & infrastructure projects

# **Unit 2 Reactor Vault**



Reactor

Feeder

Face and









Instrumentation

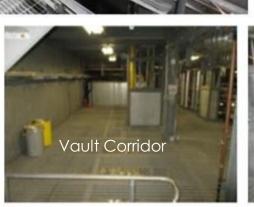












# Integrated Implementation Plan (IIP)

100% completion of IIP tasks on time<sup>1</sup>

All 93 IIP tasks were completed to allow the Regulatory Hold Points to be cleared and U2 returned to 100% power

U3 has 28 IIP tasks tied to unit Return to Service

Regular meetings with the CNSC staff to communicate progress and completion of IIP tasks

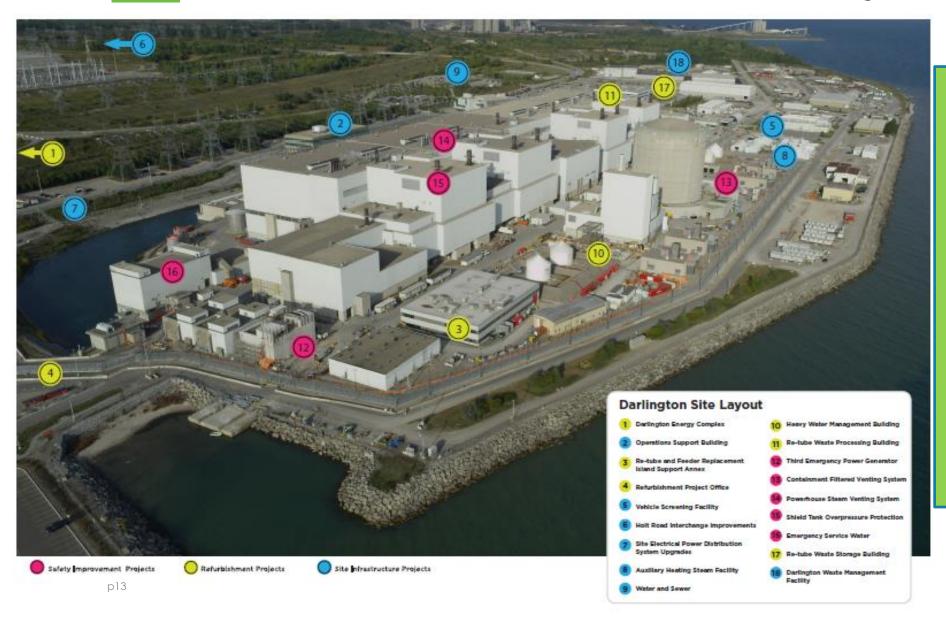
All IIP tasks tracked and progressing well





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Timing of some tasks changed with CNSC concurrence Data as of date: Sep 21 2020

# 18 Infrastructure and Safety Projects In-Service



# Safety Improvement Opportunities

- Third Emergency
   Generator
- Containment Filtered
   Venting System
- Powerhouse Steam
   Venting System
- Shield Tank Overpressure Protection
- Emergency Service
  Water

# **Heavy Water Storage Facility**























# Interface with the CNSC and clearing of the Regulatory Hold Points (RHPs)

### All Regulatory requirements for refurbishment of Unit 2 were met:

All licence conditions were met returning Unit 2 to service

Licence Condition 15.3 & 15.4 included completion of IIP commitments and clearing RHPs - All Completed

- All IIP commitments specific to Unit 2 completed
- All RHPs were cleared on time
  - o RHP 1: Loading Fuel
  - o RHP 2: Removing Guarantee Shutdown State (GSS)
  - o RHP 3: Raising reactor power to beyond 1 per cent
  - o RHP 4: Raising reactor power to beyond 35 per cent

Return To Service (RTS) Protocol identified a large number of detailed deliverables to the CNSC to clear each RHP. This was accomplished on time and to Staff satisfaction

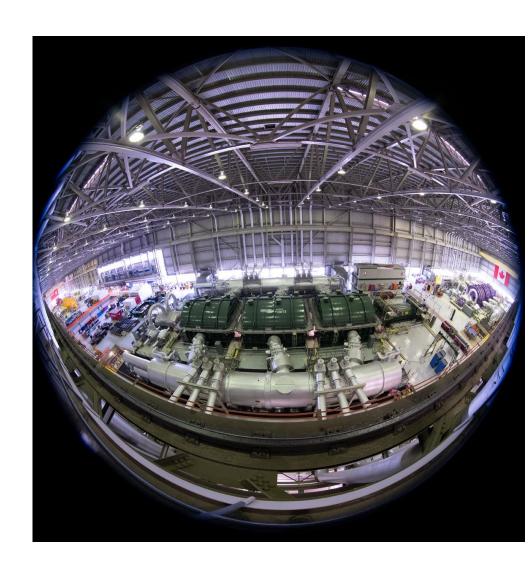
An extensive study of Unit 2 Lessons Learned was undertaken and incorporated into Unit 3 Protocol, allowing enhancement of the Refurbishment project and regulatory interface

## Unit 3

# Deferred start of Unit 3 Refurbishment due to COVID-19

Unit 3 Refurbishment started September 3, 2020

- Safety continues to be our top priority
  - COVID-19 measures are in place to protect staff and workers
- On-boarding of Trades and pre-requisite field work underway
- Defueling of Unit 3 commenced
   September 3
- 36 month schedule



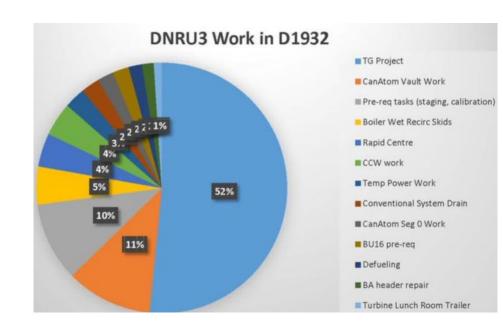
# Single Fuel Channel Replacement (SFCR)

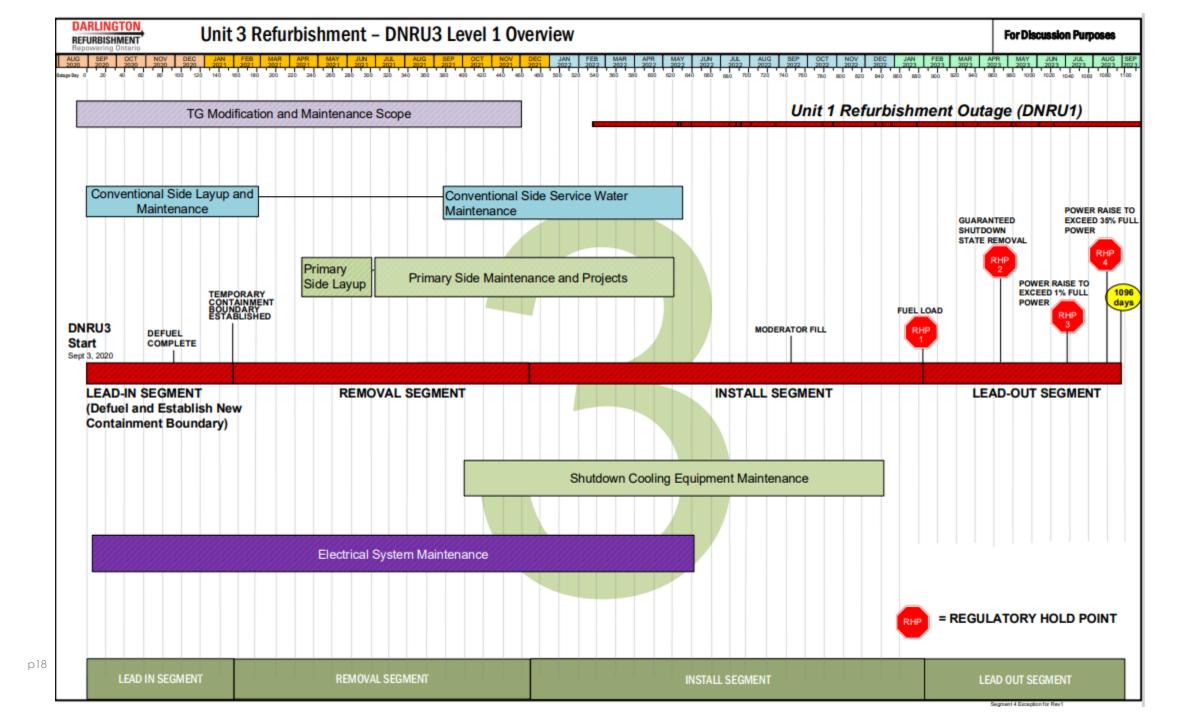
SFCR was a 30-day outage to validate lifespans of Units 1 and 4

Collaboration and integration with the station determined what DNRU3 work could be done DNRU3 mitigated schedule risks by commencing work on:

- vault work without interfering with outage activities
- first steps for the extensive turbine and generator project
- remove many interferences to ensure the drain/dry of the heat transport system

Using OPEX, lessons learned from Unit 2, and collaborating with station teams, decreased DNRU3 schedule, cost and resource risk

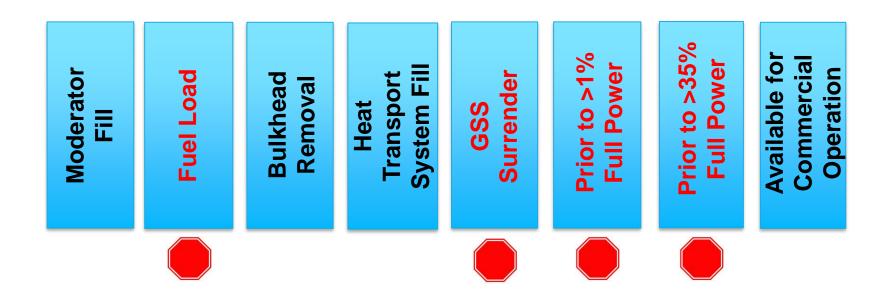




# Restart Control Hold Points (RCHP)

### Unit 3

- 8 Restart Control Hold Points will need to be cleared, including 4 CNSC RHPs ( )
- Completion Assurance Documents (CADs) will be produced for each of 8 RCHPs, including 4 RHPs



### **Lessons Learned Process**









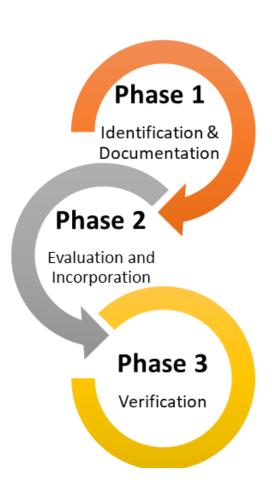
OPG and our Contractors have developed effective Lessons Learned (LL) processes

- Capture and implement the knowledge and experience gained on Unit 2 planning and execution, and
- Building those lessons into Unit 3 for continuous improvement.

New Unit 3 CNSC Protocol: based on LL and clearing of Unit 2 Regulatory Hold Points

### Some of those lessons learned include:

- 1. Industrial Safety and Radiological Practices
- 2. Tooling changes/upgrades
- 3. Critical task training
- 4. LEAN/Kaizen process improvements
- 5. Workstream optimization and organizational alignment



# **U3 Keys to Success**



Industrial Safety



Radiological Safety



Construction
Planning
Approach



Revised Feeder Strategy



Tooling Program



Training
Effectiveness



ONE Team Model



Lean Kaizen

# **Industrial Safety**

Strong conventional safety performance

- Over 24 Million hours worked with one lost time accident
- Total Recordable Injury Frequency (TRIF) is 10x lower than Ontario construction industry

### Continue to strive for zero Injuries

- Safety First in everything we do
- Proactive safety related stand ups
- Extensive mock-up training
- New to nuclear and supervisory training
- OPG and Contractor safety plans & field oversight

### COVID-19 Measures:

- Implemented a Work from Home strategy in March
- Staggered return to workplace
- Limiting staff in the station to support physical distancing
- Staggered and staged work schedules and lunch breaks
- Increased use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and elevated cleaning practices



# Radiological Safety

OPG set aggressive targets

- Improved performance on Unit 2
- Lessons Learned captured and implemented

For Unit 3 Significant investments in workers and Technology

- Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs)
- Enhancements to alpha monitoring program
- Streamlined Radiation Protection requests process via Radiation Protection Information Dosimetry (RaPID) Access Program
- Optimized qualification requirements to perform low level radiation risk work



### **Radiation Protection Initiative**

### Status to Date:

- Alpha program recommendation Complete for U3
- Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) selection process Completed – procurement begins in Q3
- Streamlined RP requests process (Rapid Access Program)
- Emphasis on building good relationships between RP and Trades



# **Construction Planning Approach**

Adopted standard Window Execution Readiness process

- Comprehensive Work Packages (CWPs) incorporate Lessons Learned from Unit 2 and are ready 16 weeks prior to the start of the execution work
- Safety, Radiation Protection, Material, and Resource planning are integrated with readiness reviews

An optimized shift schedule has been implemented to improve project efficiency and manage worker fatigue

Training program has been enhanced to better represent field conditions in the full-scale reactor mock-up and to train on abnormal conditions

Integrated Radiation Protection, Safety Planning, and Quality activities into training.

Enhancements to CWP close-out and documentation strategies including increased automation and progress monitoring

# Revised Feeder Strategy

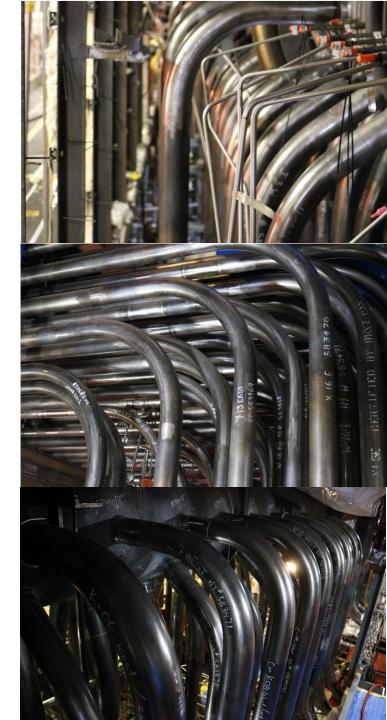
Feeder supplier oversight augmented to ensure quality of feeders as delivered

Implemented Improvements on tooling for installation including minimization of foreign material

Improved the field productivity progress tracking

Created a Welding Centre of Excellence to implement improvements to the welding program to lower overall weld failure rate

Focus on "**Right the First Time**" strategy to minimize rework



# **Tooling Program**

Investments made in tooling improvements to implement lessons learned from Unit 2 to reduce schedule which improves safety and reduces both Dose and costs

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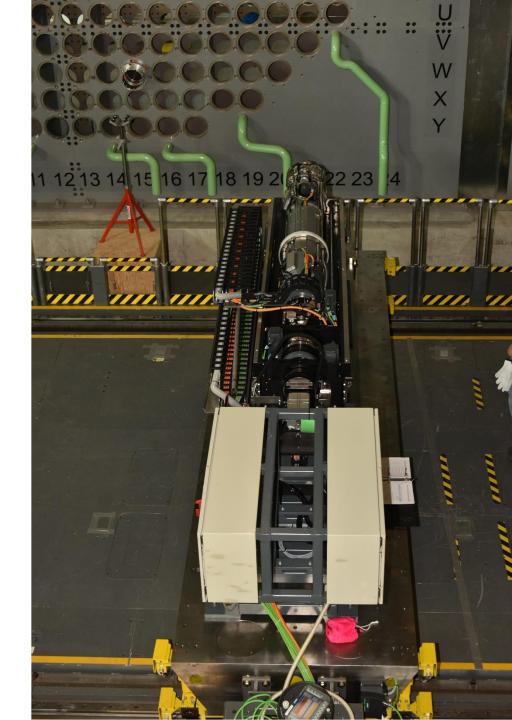
 Integration Testing On Track for completion Oct 2020

### Modified Installation Worktables

Integration testing Complete

### Bellows Cut Tool Mods

- Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) Complete
- Mod Kits available to install on Contaminated Tools



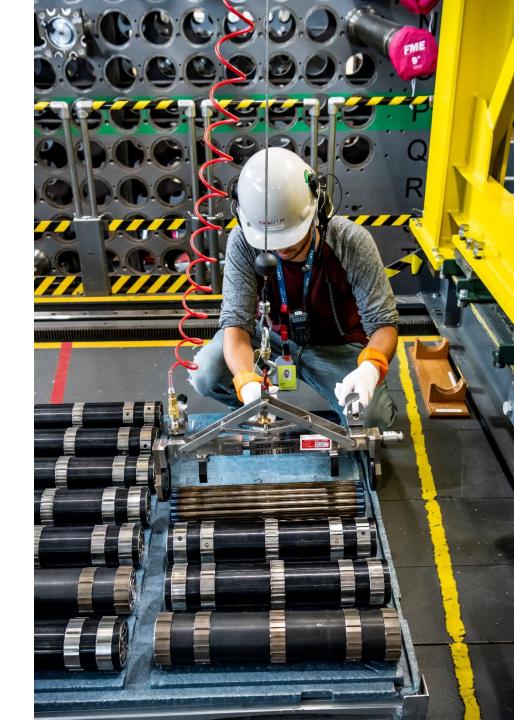
# **Training Effectiveness**

Performed a Unit 2 Post Training Effectiveness Evaluation, as part of our continuous improvement efforts, to prepare for Unit 3/1/4 refurbishments

Training is leveraging the full scale reactor mock-up to enhance training, including:

- Replicating station environment,
- Collaboration with the trades to develop training materials,
- Training on individual steps within the process to develop expertise,
- Integrated full-team training, with all support staff, to build proficiency for each work series, and
- Introducing irregularities to allow the team to practice on dealing with potential field issues.

These changes will positively impact efficiency, as well as both safety and quality



### OneTeam: One Goal

Deliver overlapping Refurbishments, on-time, onbudget, with safety & quality.



Build on the DNRU2 experience & Lessons Learned
Create a High Performance Culture
Improve our Processes & Technology
Detailed planning, preparation & training
Empowered, collaborative teamwork (OneTEAM!)















## **Lean Kaizen**

Leveraging operating experience and lessons learned from Unit 2, team is embracing a culture of continuous improvement and change through facilitative leadership

- Developed training strategy for Project manager/Area Managers, Series Leads, General Foreman and Superintendents on LEAN/Kaizen methodology and tools
- Empowered front line staff and leaders to conduct their own improvements
- Transform organization into a high performance team and identify areas to improve efficiency (cost and schedule), quality, and safety performance.

To date, over \$1 Million in direct savings / year have accumulated through these sessions. A number of additional Kaizen sessions are planned in the coming months in advance of some critical work series for Unit 3.

## **Ontario Power Generation**

# Creating a Stronger, Cleaner, and More Prosperous Future for all of Ontario

- Province's largest clean power generator and clean tech innovator
- A diverse mix of generating sources, which includes nuclear, hydropower, thermal and solar
- Powering the future of the transportation sector through electrification
- Advancing new technologies, like small modular reactors, microgrids and large-scale energy storage projects
- Helping to build the next generation of Ontario's skilled trades and technology workforce
- DNGS will produce isotopes (Mo-99 & Co-60) for the medical industry to help save lives
- By partnering with impactful organizations, OPG is investing in the future – today!

# Reinvesting in Ontario

### \$15M In programs

To educate pool of skilled and qualified workers

### 2,000 Suppliers

Helping us build and modernize generating assets

### \$2B Yearly

In property, plants and equipment

### \$90B GDP boost

By investing in the Darlington Refurbishment

