



News from **Darlington** Nuclear



Neighbours

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Winter 2007

Darlington Nuclear receives prestigious performance award

At the recently-held Annual CEO Conference of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, Darlington Nuclear was honoured with the prestigious Performance Improvement Award.

The award recognizes Darlington's strong performance among international nuclear plants and continued improvement as the station strives for excellence.

"I was very proud to stand in a room of more than 450 of our international industry peers and accept this achievement on behalf of Darlington Nuclear employees," said Wayne Robbins, Senior Vice-President Darlington Nuclear. "This is a tremendous honour and high praise from our industry peers. This is a first for Darlington, a first for Ontario Power Generation and a first for a CANDU plant."

As part of the continued focus on safety and efficiency in operations, the Darlington team has been improving maintenance processes and procedures to complete shorter, more effective outages, thereby reducing the amount of required down time. At the end of November, Darlington staff accomplished a successful outage ahead of schedule.

In presenting the award, the industry representatives recognized OPG's nuclear professionals who operate and maintain our station, for their hard work, persistence and dedication to continuous improvement.

At Darlington, our safety and station performance are being recognized across the industry and we continue to receive requests from our peers to visit Darlington. "It is a great compliment when industry peers come to Darlington to learn about our programs and processes," said Wayne.

Safe, reliable and cost-effective electricity production is what Darlington strives for every day, and we continue to see the benefits of our efforts and commitment to safety and operations.



Ontario Power Generation President and CEO Jim Hankinson, Senior Vice-President Darlington Nuclear Wayne Robbins and OPG's Chief Nuclear Officer Tom Mitchell were in Atlanta, Georgia recently to receive a prestigious Performance Improvement Award from nuclear industry peers. It was the first time a Canadian nuclear operator has received the award.

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Ontario Power Generation is very proud to have been named as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for 2008, and one of the GTA's Top 50 employers. To be chosen, an organization must be a leader in its industry in attracting and retaining quality employees, and demonstrate best practices in recruitment and retention. It is an honour to receive these awards and to be chosen from among thousands of organizations across Canada. We are proudly showing this accomplishment by displaying both symbols to the left.



ISO 14001 Certification - Darlington Nuclear
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Supporting Our Community

This month, staff at Darlington Nuclear supported the White Ribbon Campaign, helping to raise awareness of the issue of abuse against women. Men and women working at Darlington volunteered across the site to hand out white ribbons, literature and offering the chance for all staff to sign large posters signifying their commitment to support the cause.

Staff also raised over \$1,400 to be shared by three local women's shelters, Bethesda House, Denise House and Luke's Place. Representatives from the agencies were grateful for the contribution, especially during the holiday season.



Darlington's Andy Schwabe (Director of Work Management) and Heidi Mueller (Human Resources Consultant) were pleased to present a contribution on behalf of Darlington employees to three very worthwhile agencies in our community: (left to right) Florence Tillson (Denise House), Ruth Mundy (Bethesda House), Susan Shearer (Luke's Place).

Thanks for joining us...

In November, we completed our second round of community information sessions to get your input on the environmental assessment (EA) currently underway for new nuclear generation at the Darlington site. We met with more than 200 people in eight sessions at locations from Pickering to Port Hope and north to Port Perry. Thank you for providing your feedback, suggestions and questions.

We are committed to ensuring our community has every opportunity to speak with us, at sessions like these or any time. As the EA progresses, it continues to be important for us to receive your input and feedback. Please contact us at www.opg.com/newbuild or call us at 1-866-487-6006.

Station Re-Licence Hearings Continue

Darlington Nuclear currently operates under a five-year licence which will come to an end in 2008. As reported in the last edition of Neighbours, Darlington Senior VP Wayne Robbins appeared before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in Ottawa for Day 1 of the hearings on November 1.

The hearings continue for a second day on January 10, 2008. The CNSC will hold this second day of hearings in our community; specifically, at the Holiday Inn in Oshawa, which will be open to the public. The operating licences for the Pickering B generating station and Pickering Waste Management Facility are also being considered for renewal in 2008.

For more information about the hearings, visit the CNSC web site at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca. The CNSC regulates the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment and to respect Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy.



A message from Wayne Robbins

2007 has been a tremendous year for the staff at Darlington Nuclear. We ended the year on a high note by receiving a prestigious

award from our industry peers at the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (please see cover story).

This award belongs to all the staff at Darlington. It is a reflection of their unwavering focus on safety and a desire and determination to continuously improve and operate a world-class facility. Receiving the award on behalf of all Darlington employees was a proud moment for me, for OPG, and the entire Canadian Nuclear industry.

Most importantly, I am especially proud of the strong safety performance we achieved at Darlington in 2007. Measured against other companies, our safety results are top quartile performance in the Canadian Electricity Association. In fact, our staff are well on the way to achieving the milestone of four-million hours worked without a lost-time accident.

Delivering safe, reliable and cost-effective electricity to the people of Ontario is what we strive for every day. We take this responsibility very seriously, and look forward to continuing to meet this challenge in 2008.

This is a very special time of year, when people gather and celebrate for many different reasons. United, we can all celebrate the joys of living in a wonderful country blessed with peace, abundance and opportunity.

On behalf of the entire staff at Darlington Nuclear, my family and I wish you joy and happiness this holiday season.

Wayne Robbins
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