

- I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and to invite you or a member of the CTV Toronto team to visit our Clarkson facility for a tour of the IESO control room and to bring your attention to the work our operations team is doing in preparation of the upcoming solar eclipse taking place this summer, which you may have heard about.
- The solar eclipse is set to occur on the afternoon of August 21 and is expected to block 70 percent of the sun across Ontario, which may result in some potential impacts to the system.
- The eclipse is expected to take place during peak electricity demand times and during a time of the year when the system typically utilizes much of its solar power capacity.
- We want to make sure that Ontarians are well informed about the upcoming event, and to give them a better understanding of the proactive measures that are being taken by our operations team to mitigate any potential impacts to the electricity system.
- Our hope is that CTV News Toronto can feature a story on this in an upcoming newscast ahead of the event on August 21.
- We believe this will be a great opportunity for your viewers to get a behind the scenes look at the central control room of the province's electricity system and to be informed about the proactive measures that are being taken in anticipation of a critical weather event.
- I also see this is an opportunity for us to discuss any other topics related to the electricity sector you are interested in learning more about and to give you some background on some key initiatives we are currently undertaking at the IESO.
- Please let me know if this is something the CTV news team is interested in pursuing and if so, what days might work best for you in the near future or closer to the day of the eclipse.
- I look forward to hearing from you.