



Participants of the CANDU Owners Group Regulatory Affairs training program got to kick the tires on COG's new paperless program. Each participant used an iPad for notes and reference materials, which were then uploaded to a cloud for use back at the office.

## Goodbye pencils, goodbye books

*COG introduces a new innovation to deliver training that is easy, intuitive and gives participants a way to carry their notes back to the office without lugging a binder full of paper.*

A recent transition to a paperless model is improving program efficiency and creating a better user experience for CANDU Owners Group members and supplier participants.

At a regulatory affairs course, earlier this spring, COG launched the pilot for a new iPad program, and found the organization saved resources, improving the value for money for COG's members while providing an effective tool for participants.

A cost analysis revealed iPads would be more cost-effective than producing binders and would require significantly less manpower to prepare. This electronic model also allows for more time and flexibility for developing course content.

COG's Information Technology team was consulted to select which units and software would be best suited to the training courses.

Ultimately, COG purchased 30 iPads as well as Apple Pencils, which allow participants to annotate the course materials. Each participant's notes are uploaded to the cloud and can be retrieved immediately following the course.

The 10-hour battery life and lightweight nature of the iPads makes them extremely practical for training outside of the COG offices. They are highly portable to any training facilities, worldwide and COG is equipped with a mobile charging station in case any batteries start to run low. The first offsite outing for the iPads occurred at the Supplier Participant First Line Supervisor Training, April 28.

The implementation of this new technology is one example of the many ways COG is constantly looking for ways to improve user experience for participants and value for money for its members.