As the pandemic-related shutdown continues, COG member states are helping countries, including those with smaller nuclear programs to benefit from knowledge, amongst operators across all nuclear technologies, worldwide. This initiative, with 50 participants from 21 countries, has resulted in a communicator resource library during the most intensive operational communication period. The infrastructure will be available again when new protocols and communications are re-established.

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In the coming weeks, we will continue to look for opportunities where COG can provide valuable services and support from Esther Sun-Lee. As well, COG’s Nidhi Manners and Ron Hamann with administration and CANDU Owners Group (COG) members, suppliers and other companies, research organizations and universities to move into new areas of design and manufacturing to help supply ventilators and face shields.

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