



CNL GM joins COG board

New COG director Neil Mantifel brings deep experience in operations and safe storage

Neil Mantifel, General Manager of the Natural Research Universal (NRU) reactor at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has been appointed to the CANDU Owners Group (COG) board replacing CNL's Vice President Nuclear Operations and Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) David Cox.

Reporting to the CNO, Mantifel led the improved operating performance of NRU before its planned shutdown last spring (March 31) and now heads up the defuel, dewater and shutdown to storage of the reactor leading it into 'surveillance' state.

The NRU reactor was built for three purposes: to be a supplier of industrial and medical radioisotopes used for the diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening diseases; to be a major Canadian facility for neutron physics research; and to provide engineering research and development support for CANDU power reactors. Through the efforts of CNL operators and researchers, the reactor advanced the lives of Canadians and people around the world for almost six decades. Today, CNL continues to forward ground-breaking research and development to support the same goals that inspired development of the NRU.

During his operations career at Chalk River, Mantifel has been a licensed operator for two of the research reactors at CNL, serving in shift manager, facility manager and facility authority roles. His experience includes relicensing activities, the Integrated Safety Review for NRU and execution of the resulting Integrated Implementation Plans, as

well as Severe Accident Management Guideline development.

"I am excited and proud to become a COG Board Member representing CNL," said Mantifel. "In this role, I can further the CANDU contribution to clean and safe energy that was originally developed at the Chalk River Labs."

Mantifel says the collaboration model used by COG provides an important lever for the industry. "I am absolutely convinced that the combined power of an owners group is essential for the future of the CANDU industry, to solve the problems important to the owners and to achieve excellence through collaboration." He adds, COG and its role is consistent with CNL's own long-term commitment to support CANDU.

Other COG board members are Gary Newman of Bruce Power (Chair), Carla Carmichael, Ontario Power Generation, and Michael Hare, New Brunswick Power.



The COG board, left to right: Gary Newman, Bruce Power (board chair), Neil Mantifel, CNL, Carla Carmichael, OPG, and Michael Hare, New Brunswick Power.