



Bruce Power and Ontario Power Generation collaborate in several areas to ensure efficient operations and projects on behalf of Ontarians. (Photo: Ontario Power Generation)

# OPG and Bruce Power: A collaboration success story

## Letter to energy minister highlights COG’s contribution

Work done by CANDU Owners Group (COG) in support of Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Bruce Power is among several examples of collaboration between the two companies to strengthen project and operations success, highlighted in a letter to Ontario’s Energy Minister jointly signed by the CEOs of both utilities.

The letter to Minister Greg Rickford and Associate Energy Minister Bill Walker outlines OPG and Bruce Power’s collaborative efforts in a range of areas including refurbishment, waste management as well as attracting, promoting, recruiting and training of skilled workers. It also highlights how collaborative efforts by the two utilities have benefitted projects like Bruce Power’s Unit 6 Major Component Replacement and OPG’s four-unit Darlington reactor refurbishment project. In the letter, COG is credited with strengthening operations for both utilities through its research and innovation work.

“These successful collaborative ventures have contributed billions of dollars back to Ontarians in additional electricity generation and use of these assets,” said Ken Hartwick and Mike Rencheck of COG’s contributions in the November 2019 letter to the minister. “We’re proud of the work [with COG] our teams are doing in the R&D space and will continue to seek out efficiencies that benefit our sites and the province.”

While OPG and Bruce Power have been collaborating for almost two decades, in 2015, they formalized their partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is primarily focussed on enhancing the refurbishment programs of both organizations through the sharing of knowledge and by leveraging economies of scale.

The two COG members annually summarize the highlights of their collaborative activities through publicly-accessible reports and by submitting their progress to the Ministry of Energy.

[Click here](#) to view the OPG-Bruce Power ministerial letter.



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