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Ontario Power Generation's Darlington Nuclear station first Canadian plant to receive prestigious performance award

[Toronto, ON] At the recently held Annual CEO Conference of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Darlington station was honoured with the prestigious Performance Improvement Award.

The award recognizes Darlington's strong performance among international nuclear plants and continued improvement at Darlington as the station strives for excellence.

"I was very proud to stand in a room of more than 450 of our international industry peers and accept this achievement on behalf of Darlington Nuclear employees," said Wayne Robbins, Senior Vice-President Darlington Nuclear. "This is a tremendous honour and high praise from our industry peers. This is a first for Darlington, a first for Ontario Power Generation and a first for a CANDU plant."

Darlington's strong performance is part of OPG Nuclear's commitment to produce safe, reliable, predictable electricity.

As part of the continued focus on efficiency in operations, the Darlington team has been improving maintenance processes and procedures to complete shorter, more effective outages, thereby reducing the amount of required down time. Just last week, Darlington staff accomplished a successful outage ahead of schedule.

OPG Nuclear's overall production in Durham Region increased from 25 per cent of Ontario's electricity supply (37.7 TWh) in 2003 to 31 per cent of Ontario's production (46.9 TWh) in 2006.

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