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"Strength Through Co-operation"

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# Refurbishments & Life Extensions – Lessons from the Past to get it Right in the Future



2nd International Symposium on Nuclear Plant Life Mgmt





# **Overview of Presentation**

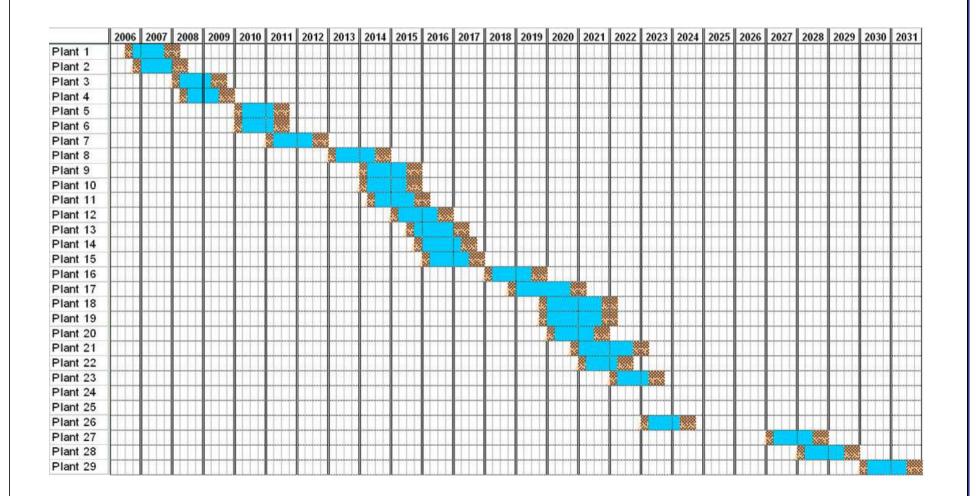
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- Lessons learned
- Looking forward
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# World-Wide CANDU Units Refurbishment Outlook







# **Beginning With the End in Sight**

"If you don't know where you are going any road will get you there."

"Begin with the end in sight."

**Steven Covey** 





## Begin with the end in sight – clarity of setting the right scope

#### **Basis for scope**

What is the outcome you have set your sights on?

- Meet Regulatory requirements ?
- Complete outage in X months ?
- Complete outage safely in X months ?
- Complete outage safely in X months & as a result run for 2 years 'breaker to breaker' ?
- Complete necessary work to achieve a 90% plus capacity factor over the next 30 year run and preserve option for a 2<sup>nd</sup> life extension?





# Plans that cover the full suite of needs

Physical Plant Asset

Human / Knowledge Asset

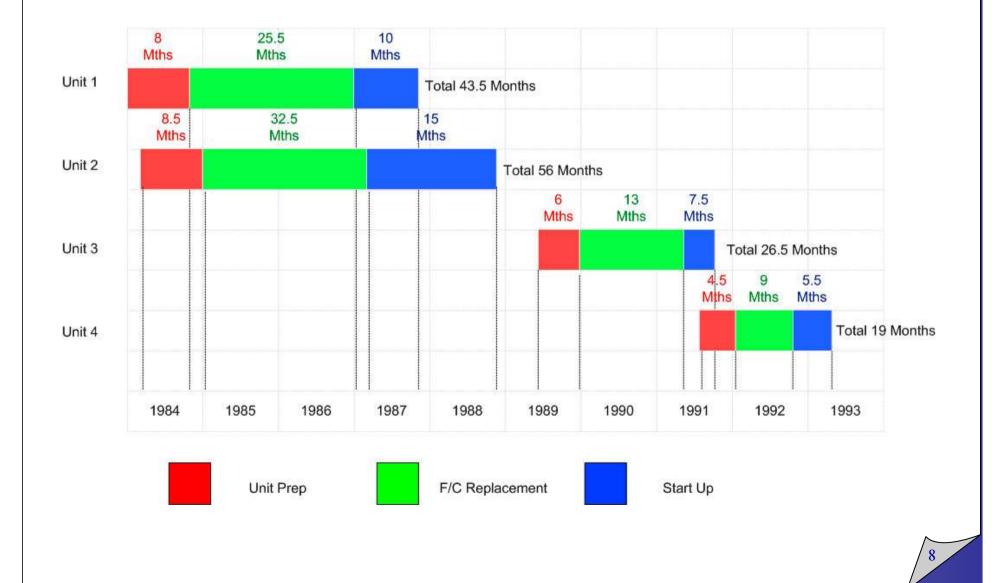
Design Basis Asset ( 'Paper Plant' )

Future R&D Plans





### Learning from history – the first CANDU Retube/ Refurb – Pickering A





### Lessons Learned – high leverage

- Sound safety program generates productivity
- Experienced personnel from prior Units has high impact
- Aligned organization on reporting and quality management is the basis for improvement
- Work Series Teams
- Detailed production loss analysis flows into corrective actions
- Training investment for both task execution AND how the Team will function





# Looking forward

- Sharing experience and creating learning opportunities has huge leverage – we are going to repeat most of the work over 20 times !!
- By the time we finish the current program we will be planning for the next life extension – IF
  - We execute well
  - We operate well
  - We make the investment in understanding aging phenomenon necessary to be predictable





### What Success Looks Like

# We all must succeed. If any of us fail we all fail.

# We cannot afford to let history repeat !!





### Conclusion

As the Leaders in the Industry reflect:

- Have you got your organization focused on the right end in sight
- Have you got the right attitude set to share experience and learn from others
- Have you made sufficient investment to be prepared for the campaigns that we are about to undertake
- This conference is a great opportunity to network and learn The Pickering first re-tube story shows us the gains are huge for those who get it right and the penalties are also huge for those of us that don't !