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Point Lepreau Generating Station Refurbishment Project Update

Progress continues with the calandria tube installation activities of the Point Lepreau Generating Station Refurbishment Project.

As of May 12, 2011, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) has successfully completed approximately 37 per cent of the calandria tube installation activities. As expected, all installations have met the leak test criterion. The calandria tube installation activities include inserting the tube into the reactor, rolling it and testing for any leaks. At this time, AECL is continuing the row by row installation followed by testing activities to increase efficiencies.

"These results are a great sign of continued progress in meeting our expectations," said Rod Eagles, Refurbishment Project Director. "The calandria tube installation is progressing with the standards of quality and safety. It is exciting to see the progress of the reactor reassembly activities and know that we are still on target to have this work sequence completed by our target date."

Fuel channel installation will commence upon the completion of calandria tube installation. Workers are preparing for this next work sequence, which includes the installation of pressure tubes, spacers, end fittings and positioning assemblies.

AECL remains on track to meet the target date of May 2012 for Phase 2 of the overall project. Project updates will continue to be issued on a monthly basis and will include the progress on project milestones. Some of the upcoming milestones include:

- Calandria tube installation (August 2011)
- Fuel channel installation (December 2011)
- Lower feeder installation (May 2012)
- Return to service (fall 2012)

As we work around the clock to complete this project, our dedicated workforce, both NB Power and AECL, continue to work diligently to complete the project activities in as short a time as possible while remaining fully committed to the values of operating a safe work site and delivering a quality end result - a reactor that will deliver safe and reliable power to New Brunswick for the next 25 to 30 years.

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