



**Énergie NB Power**

## Press Release

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### **Point Lepreau Generating Station moves to minimum power temporarily**

**Fredericton, N.B.** –The Point Lepreau Generating Station has moved to minimum power temporarily to make adjustments to the [boiler water chemistry](#).

“Like any reactor that has come back online after a refurbishment, we have been actively managing our boiler water chemistry over our first four months of operation ([see release of December 1st](#)),” said Sean Granville, Site Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer. “We have made a business decision to move to minimum reactor power so that we can make significant improvements in boiler chemistry now, rather than continuing to actively manage the ongoing issue over the coming weeks and months.”

Managing this kind of activity is expected in the first six to twelve months of bringing any industrial plant online and does not in any way impact the future performance of the Station. These hours of forgone operation do not come off the expected full time life of the reactor. They will be made up later as part of the full time life expectancy of the plant.

Favorable pricing in the north-eastern electricity market, declining demand for electricity as the spring temperatures rise and the solid performance of our hydro dams due to the spring run-off make this good timing for this kind of work.

“While the nuclear reactor is at reduced power, Station staff will also perform equipment maintenance, testing and verification of plant systems as required,” explained Mr. Granville. “Progress on refueling the reactor has been ongoing and will resume when the reactor comes back online.”

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission staff are onsite as always and continue to monitor Station operations. The safe, reliable operation of the Station is NB Power's top priority.

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