Excellence in Nuclear Plant Fleet Operations and Nuclear/Radiological Safety

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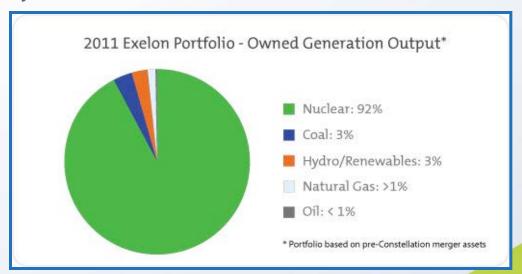
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Exelon Generation

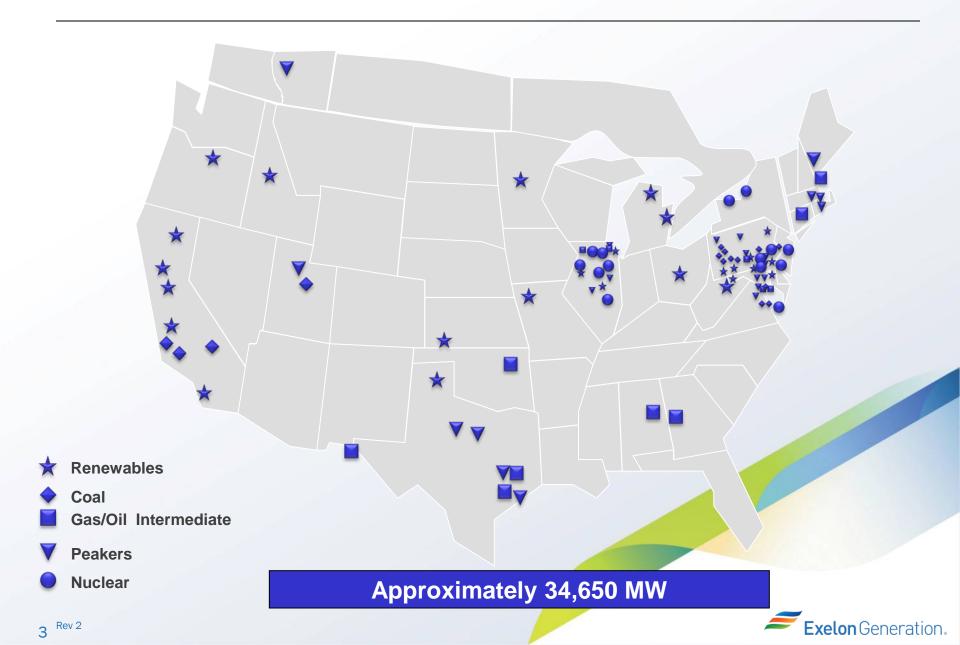
- Exelon Nuclear is headquartered in Kennett, Pennsylvania
- ❖ It is a business unit of Exelon Generation and operates the largest nuclear fleet in the United States.
- Exelon Generation operates:
 - 22 reactors in Illinois, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



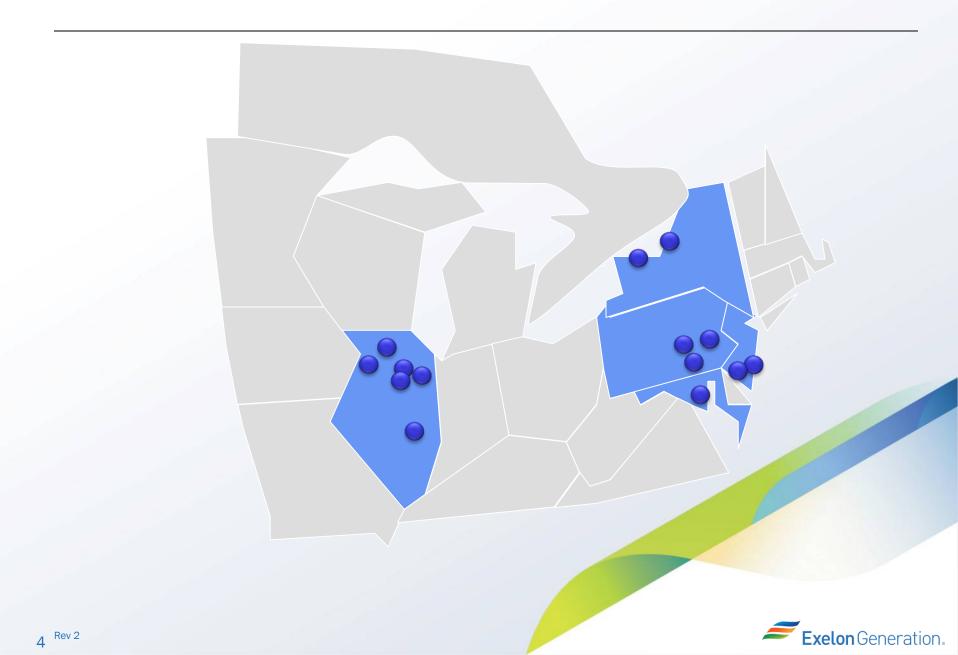
Exelon Generation Consults Internationally through Exelon Nuclear Partners, LLC.



Exelon Generation Assets



Exelon Generation Nuclear Assets



Board Governance and Excellence

- Governance through Committees
 - Audit, Corporate Governance, Compensation, Deliverance, Generation Oversight and Risk Management
- Determines the company's vision, mission and values to guide and set the pace
 - For current operations
 - Future development
- Determines the values to be promoted throughout the company
 - Operational Excellence
 - Nuclear and Radiation Safety
 - Occupational
 - Environmental



Board Governance and Excellence (continued)

- Oversees Implementation of Exelon Nuclear Management Model for Excellence
 - Strong Centralized Governance with clear objectives and performance standards
 - Uses the model to achieve operational excellence
- Governance Board of the Company
 - Hires the Chief Executive Officer
- Regulatory and Market Environment
 - Involvement of Risks
 - Approves Financials



Top Performance is Not Automatic

- It is achieved and sustained through:
 - Board Leadership and Vision
 - Involvement of the Workforce
 - A commitment to Stretch Goals and Continuous Improvement
 - Implementation and Adherence to Standard Policies, Programs and Process of Best Practices
 - Close engagement and oversight by management
 - A profound respect for Nuclear Safety held by Every Employee
- Safety Culture
 - Defined by the organization's values and behaviors.
 - A foundation of steadfast principles that demand nuclear safety
- Top Performance Leadership
 - Exelon Generation Oversight Committee (GOC)



Exelon Board Generation Oversight Committee (GOC) Charter

Mission of GOC

- GOC is the nuclear oversight committee for the Board of Directors
- Fulfill responsibilities to oversee the safe and reliable operation of all generation facilities owned and operated by Exelon Generation Company, LLC, collectively referred to as the GENCO

Membership

- Consists of at least 3 Board of Directors
- Exelon Board determines membership annually

Board Communication

- Close communication to Board of Directors
 - Regular quarterly meetings, plus others as required
- GOC Minutes Recorded and Issued to Exelon Board Members
- The Chair of the Committee shall report all actions taken by the Committee to the full Board
- Independent advisors and consulting experts
 - Approves such advisors, fee and retention terms



Exelon Nuclear Units Performance Review Functions

GOC Functions

- Act for the Board on matters which the full Board has delegated to the Committee
- Senior Management Reports review of key indicator trends for all generation stations
- Monitor plant performance and key performance indicator results and trends
- Receive prompt notification of and monitor significant incidents or events at any generating station
- GOC Nuclear Site Functions
 - Periodically visit and inspect key nuclear operating facilities
 - Become familiar with the site management team
 - Nuclear Safety Review Boards (NSRB)
 - Nuclear Site Oversight Department
- Environmental Health and Safety



Nuclear Safety Excellence "The Bar Is Always Raised"

- Exelon Nuclear is Committed to Being the Best Operator of Nuclear Plants Worldwide
 - The Excellence Level Requires both Sustainability and Continuous Improvement.
 - "The Bar is Always Raised" so Peak Performance Requires Continuous Improvement
- Exelon recognizes that Nuclear and Radiation Safety is more than our regulatory responsibility, it is our social responsibility
 - Partnering with our Communities to Maintain a "Social License to Operate"



GOC OverseesRadiation Safety Excellence

- Strategic Focus Area
 - Exposure Reduction Plan
- If we don't measure it, it won't improve
 - Goal Setting and Measurement
 - Benchmarking
 - Gap Analysis
- Keys
 - Engagement
 - Procedures and Processes
 - Using Technology to Reduce Source Term
- Processes for Continuous Improvement
- Plan Development



Radiation Safety Improvements

Through New Technologies Reported at ISOE/NATC Symposiums

- Board Member Participation in Conference
 - Attended Last 10 years of ISOE/North American Symposium
 - Focused on Dose Reduction Initiatives from Exelon RPM paper
 - Shared information globally
- Emerging Technologies Always Part of ISOE/NATC Agenda
 - CEA/ EdF CZT Gamma Spectroscopy Detection
 - Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) / (n,p) Energy,Inc. (NPE) Engineered Source Term Solution
- Both Technologies Now Implemented at Exelon
 - CZT Gamma Spectroscopy -- All Exelon Nuclear Units
 - Braidwood-1,2 Lead Exelon PWR for NPE/PRC Solution
 - Peach Bottom-2, 3 Lead Exelon BWR for NPE/PRC Solution
- Both Technologies Now Strengthening Radiation Safety Performance
 - Expanding use in 2013



Exelon Management Model at Station Level Selection of "Best"

- Exelon Management Model Principle, "Best Practices"
 - Best Technology, Best Process, Best Procedures
- ❖ The focus of management is to allow the organization to respond to an external or internal opportunity, and use its creative efforts to introduce new ideas, processes or products.
- It involves workers at every level in contributing creatively to a company's performance improvement
- !terating a series of activities:
 - Search, Select, Implement and Capture Performance Improvement
- Tools: Benchmarking, INPO, Workshops, International & National Technical Meetings, Vendors, Universities
- Organization Challenge:
 - When does an "Emerging Technology" displace an "Older" Technology?
 - Selection of "Best"
 - Actions to Eliminate Controversy



Example of Exelon GOC Function on Selection of Best Technology for Radiation Safety Results

- ❖ Byron 1,2 vs. Braidwood-1,2
 - Unit 1: 1190 MWe Identical Design
 - Unit 2: 1156 MWe Identical Design
- Perfect for "Vetting" New Technology Against Standard Practice, with a Careful and Comprehensive Comparison



Exelon GOC and Executive Oversight Source Term Technology Comparison

- Exelon COO Direct Accountability and Reporting to Board
 - Reviewed and Approved Process
 - Authorized Resources
 - RP Accountability on Metrics and Measures
 - Semi-Annual Progress Report
 - Committed through Full Term, 3 Refueling Outages
- * Result: Best Technology for Source Term Reduction (STR) Determined
 - Braidwood-1R17: 27.5 REM Byron 1R18: 50.4 REM
 - Containment Dose Rates: -44 -47% Lower Than Byron-1R18
 - SG Dose Rates: -54.7%
- Fleet Plans Expanded Deployment of Best STR Technology
 - Near Term PWRs: TMI and Byron-1,2 Longer Term: Ginna, Calvert Cliffs
 - Near Term BWRs: Peach Bottom Longer Term: LaSalle
 - Future PWR and BWR Fleet



Summary

- Exelon Board Leadership Drives Values Through All Levels of Management and to Every Exelon Employee
- Held Accountable for Nuclear Safety
- Held Accountable for Radiation Safety
- Excellence is a Process..... That Continues Everyday at Exelon





Radiation Safety Improvement Results

Peach Bottom 2,3 (PBAPS) Source Term Reduction Solution



Location: Delta, PA

Containment: BWR-Mark 1

Commercial: 15 Jul '74, 15 Dec '74

Power:

Unit 2 1148 MWe Unit 3 1151 MWe

Operating Years: 38



Reactor Cavity Work Platform (RCWP) A Significant Radiological Challenge for Exelon BWRS

Peach Bottom-2 Cavity



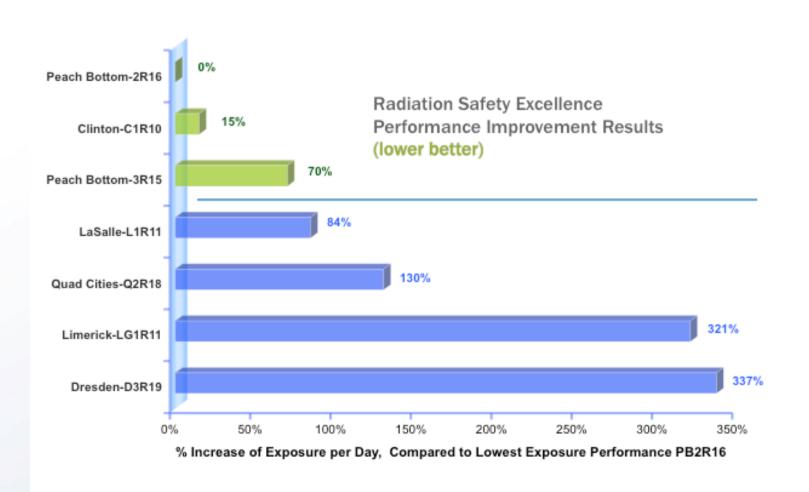
Refueling
Occurring Simultaneously
with Vessel Inspection

Use Offers Advantages of 5 days of Critical Path Outage Time



Exelon Benchmark of Purification Technology

Peach Bottom 2,3 and Clinton Work Cavity Platform





Radiation Safety Improvement Results

- The Combined Impact of All Technology Changes Results in Radiation Safety Excellent
 - Peach Bottom 3R17: Station Low Dose Record Achieved
 - Peach Bottom 2R16: Station Low Dose Record Achieved



Infrastructure Issues

It ought to work

- Successful Asian experience
- Strengthening supply chain worldwide
- Forecast worldwide nuclear development at only 25% the pace of the 1980s
- Center for Energy Workforce Development, regional labor initiatives

❖ But will it?

- No recent U.S. nuclear construction experience
- U.S. nuclear manufacturing infrastructure has atrophied
- Worldwide demand is creating production bottlenecks
- Labor force continues to age without readily identified replacements

Infrastructure response depends on first movers



What Will It Take?

- Continued excellence by current fleet
- Adopt different business models for new nuclear
 - Share the risks through innovative partnerships
- Take advantage of experience & expertise worldwide
- Disciplined project execution
- Engineering/Technician/Operator pipeline
- Revitalize manufacturing infrastructure
- Communicate the strength of the industry
- Drive public policy issues to resolution

Reduce uncertainties and potential for delays; the market will react intelligently

