BWXT NEC has been awarded a $168 million, five-year contract extension to manufacture fuel for Ontario Power Generation’s (OPG) Darlington and Pickering nuclear generating stations. The deal extends BWXT NEC’s current fuel manufacturing arrangement with OPG to the end of 2023.

“We are proud to be continuing our role in producing fuel bundles for OPG’s nuclear fleet,” said John MacQuarrie, President, BWXT Canada Ltd. and BWXT NEC. “This contract represents clean, low-cost and reliable electricity for millions of people in Ontario and sustains hundreds of high-value jobs across our facilities in Peterborough, Toronto and Amnrior.”

Three of BWXT’s Canadian-based operations (Peterborough, Arnprior and Toronto) will directly benefit from the positive impacts of the contract extension. The Arnprior operation produces zirconium-alloy tubes, while the Toronto facility produces natural uranium pellets. These components are shipped to the BWXT Peterborough facility where they are assembled into fuel bundles.

BWXT NEC has been manufacturing fuel for OPG since the early 1970s when the first fleet of Pickering (28 element fuel) reactors came on line. Later, BWXT NEC manufactured fuel for the Bruce and Darlington reactors (37 element fuel) as they came online throughout the 1980s and into the 1990s. Today, and for the past 17 years, BWXT NEC has been the sole fuel manufacturing supplier to OPG, providing both 28 and 37 element fuel bundle designs.
At BWXT, we believe that healthy communities are strong communities. Through BWXT Volunteer Strong, all employees have the opportunity to help build stronger communities for those that live and work in them and can volunteer their time and expertise to local causes that are important to the communities in Arnprior, Peterborough, Toronto and Cambridge in areas such as education, health & wellbeing, arts & culture, environment and indigenous.

Employees are planning a spring clean-up along Monaghan Road to pick-up litter, a food-drive for Kawartha Food Share and lending their expertise in support of Junior Achievement, Economics for Success to name just a few.

**PROGRESSIVE ABORIGINAL RELATIONS**

BWXT in Canada joined the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Businesses (CCAB) last year and is committed to building and sustaining positive relationships with indigenous communities in the areas in which BWXT operates in Canada.

We are participating in the CCAB’s Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) certification program. PAR is an online management and reporting program that supports progressive improvement in Aboriginal relations, and a certification program that confirms corporate performance at the bronze, silver or gold level. If a company is a leader in Aboriginal relations, PAR certification recognizes the commitment and success.

Today, we are PAR Committed – which indicates our commitment to continual improvement in Indigenous relations and our intention to undergo external verification of our performance in the future.

To date, we have established an internal PAR Working Committee that is comprised of employees across a range of disciplines including communications, supply management, human resources, union representation and finance. We have also implemented a Canada-wide Indigenous Policy that provides the framework for our program. The Policy is made publicly available at nec.bwxt.com.

The PAR Working Committee recently underwent Indigenous training that was conducted by Bear Standing Tall & Associates which provide Indigenous Cultural Sensitivity Training & Consulting for corporations in Canada.
WE'RE HIRING!

At BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada (BWXT NEC) we currently have over a dozen job openings at our Peterborough facility in disciplines such as engineering, project management and purchasing.

BWXT NEC is a subsidiary of BWXT Canada Ltd. with more than 60 years of extensive experience and innovation in the supply of nuclear fuel and fuel channel components, services, equipment and parts for the CANDU® nuclear power industry. This includes designing and supplying highly reliable nuclear equipment to fuel, inspect and refurbish reactors.

BWXT NEC employs approximately 400 skilled employees at three locations in Ontario: Peterborough, Toronto and Arnprior.

Working for BWXT means being part of a team focused on safety, technology, innovation and operational excellence.

Current job openings are posted online at bwxt.com/careers.

OUR PEOPLE

Meet Katie Spiler from BWXT in Peterborough. Katie is a graduate of the mechanical engineering program at the University of Western Ontario and is currently an Engineer in Training. She joined BWXT one year ago and has been working on a variety of projects that support Ontario’s nuclear power plants.

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT AVAILABLE

BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada’s (BWXT NEC) 2017 Annual Compliance Report was submitted to Canada’s nuclear regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) on March 31, 2018. The purpose of this report is to demonstrate that BWXT NEC has successfully met the requirements of the Nuclear Safety and Control Act and its Class 1B Nuclear Fuel Facility Operating Licence. BWXT NEC holds a 10-year licence which expires December 31, 2020.

The report, which is reviewed by CNSC staff, provides the CNSC with information related to BWXT NEC’s performance in 14 Safety and Control Areas (SCAs). The 14 SCAs are: management system, human performance management, operating performance, safety analysis, physical design, fitness for service, radiation protection, conventional health and safety, environmental protection, emergency management and fire protection, waste management, security, safeguards and non-proliferation and packaging and transport.

The report is available to members of the public on BWXT NEC’s website at nec.bwxt.com/safety. For any questions about the Annual Compliance Report please contact questions@bwxt.com or 1.855.696.9588.
BWXT NEC supports the community through a range of initiatives including sponsorships and volunteer activities. Here’s a look at a few ways we’re supporting our community:

- Donation to Prince of Wales Public School to assist in the purchase of classroom supplies that support learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
- During the winter, BWXT NEC employees collected gently used and new winter coats, boots and accessories for students in need at Prince of Wales Public School.
- Established three awards with Fleming College for a female student, an indigenous student and for any student studying in any of the following programs: Electrical Engineering Technician, Instrumentation and Control Engineering Technician and Computer Engineering Technology.
- BWXT NEC is a Platinum sponsor of Peterborough Regional Science Fair which took place on April 11, 2018 and further supports the event by providing judges for the competition.

BWXT NEC employee Mike Reed helped judge the Peterborough Regional Science Fair on April 11, 2018.

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