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CO₂ Emissions from OPG Coal Plants



OPG Repowering Program

OPG envisions repowering some coal units to burn biomass, gas, or cofire biomass/gas because of the important role they play in the electricity market.

- Thermal Units provide capacity and energy needed to respond to rapid changes in demand and supply. This role will become increasingly important as the intermittent renewable energy portfolio expands.
- Thermal Units provide backup capacity and energy during nuclear refurbishment and new build.

"Ramp Rate" – thermal units provide rapid response to changes in demand.

> 5 to 7 MW/min/unit on coal

"Dispatches" – Thermal units respond to minute-tominute changes in electricity system needs. For example, in June 2010:

Lambton received 3,455 dispatch instructionsNanticoke received 16,186 dispatch instructions

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The ramp rate and flexibility provided by thermal units are important in enabling increased intermittent renewable generation while maintaining electricity system reliability and stability.

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Converted Coal Units Provide Greater Flexibility Than Other Forms of Thermal Generation

One thermal unit operating at minimum load (50MW) provides 400 MW Ramp to the electricity system. CO_2 emissions from one thermal unit at 50 MW minimum load: <u>35 Mg/h.</u>

The same Ramp would require two CCGT both operating at 250 MW minimum load. CO_2 emissions from two CCGT each at 250 MW minimum load: <u>180</u> Mg/h.

Available ramp is the difference between minimum production level and maximum production level of a generating unit

CCGT – combined cycle gas turbine (Portlands) SCGT – simple cycle gas turbine (York Region) Aero-based CGT – derived from an aircraft engine Lennox – conventional boiler similar to coal units

Biomass: Ensuring Sustainability

OPG is taking four actions to ensure sustainability of our biomass fuel supply:

• applying United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) definition of renewable biomass

- •ensuring there is a life-cycle analysis GHG benefit
- •applying environmental criteria to fuel suppliers to promote suitable "upstream" practices in the supply chain

•Commissioning research to ensure decisions continue to be based on current science

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Sustainable Fuel Supply

• Wood pellet suppliers must have third-party chain of custody certification demonstrating that the wood fibre is sourced from well managed forests.

• OPG is working with OMAFRA and he Agriculture sector to develop appropriate verfication of the sustainability of agribiomass fuel supply.

Repowering Status

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- OPA Directive
- Biomass Fuel Supply RFIP
- Engineering studies underway

Nanticoke, Lambton, Thunder Bay

- •Nanticoke 3&4 and Lambton 1&2 units shut down October 01, 2010
- •Analysis and engineering studies of biomass/gas repowering options of remaining units are underway.