## PLANNING A SUSTAINABLE POWER FUTURE THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF SMRs

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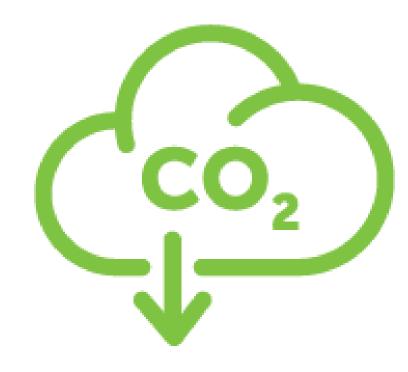
#### **TODAY'S OUTLINE**

- Why evaluate SMRs?
- SMR planning phase update
- Decision timeline

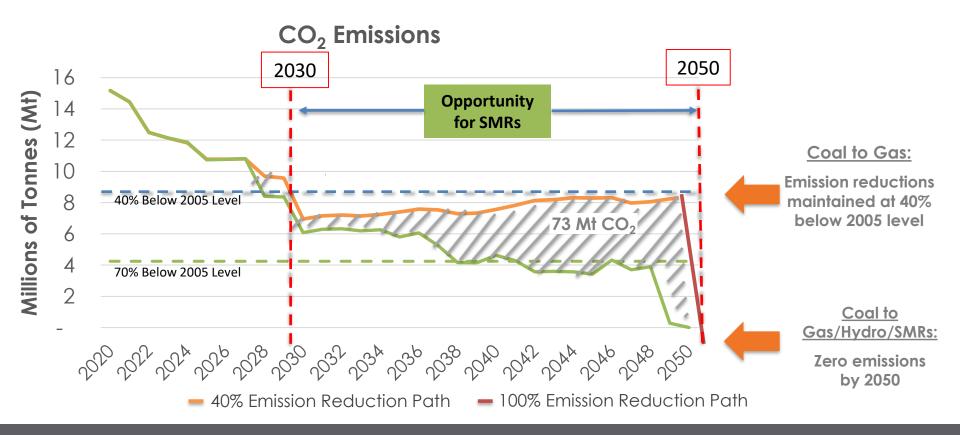


#### TRANSITIONING THE PROVINCE'S POWER SYSTEM

- Saskatchewan's economic strength depends on clean, reliable, competitively priced electricity
- SaskPower is evaluating clean power sources to achieve net zero emissions by 2050



#### **DEEPER CUTS TO GHG EMISSIONS**



## OTHER LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF SMRS FOR SASKATCHEWAN

- Conference Board of Canada study: SMRs could generate \$1.6 billion in GDP for SK between 2021-2032 and approximately \$8.8 billion over the 85-year life of an SMR fleet
- Could offset economic losses from Federal phase out of conventional coal
- Could reduce reliance on electricity from natural gas (carbon price risk)
- Could support aggressive deployment of wind/solar

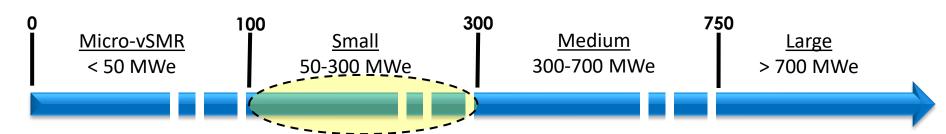
### KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SMR DEPLOYMENT

- National fleet
- Utility partnerships
- Successful first-of-a-kind deployment in Ontario
- Indigenous participation
- Federal risk sharing
- Competitive power price



### NUCLEAR POWER FROM SMALL MODULAR REACTORS (SMRs)

- **Small**: 50-300 MWe per generating unit, smaller footprint which makes them a better fit for smaller power grids
- **Modular**: units designed to be made in a factory and delivered to project site for assembly, which reduces costs and risks to schedule
- **Reactor**: nuclear fission reactor; installed underground, which is one of the many enhanced safety features



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Reactor

EXAMINIPLES OF SIMIN DESIGNS			
GE-Hitachi	BWRX-300	<b>Boiling Water Reactor</b>	Ontario/Saskatchewan

**High Temperature Gas** 

Molten Salt Reactor

Sodium Cooled Fast

Reactor (100 MWe)

**Molten Salt Reactor** 

vSMR (5 MWe)

(300 MWe – scalable)

**Integral Molten Salt** 

Stable Salt Reactor

Xe-100

Reactor

**ARC-100** 

**MMR** 

Xenergy

**Terrestrial Energy** 

**ARC Canada** 

**Moltex Energy** 

**Global First Power** 

**OPG/SaskPower** 

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**New Brunswick** 

**New Brunswick** 

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**Bruce Power** 

#### MICRO OR VERY SMALL MODULAR REACTOR (VSMRs)



- ~5-50 megawatts
- Some designs have 20year fuel cycle

Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation Idaho National Labs Micro Modular Reactor Project



#### FOOTPRINT OF A LARGE REACTOR FACILITY



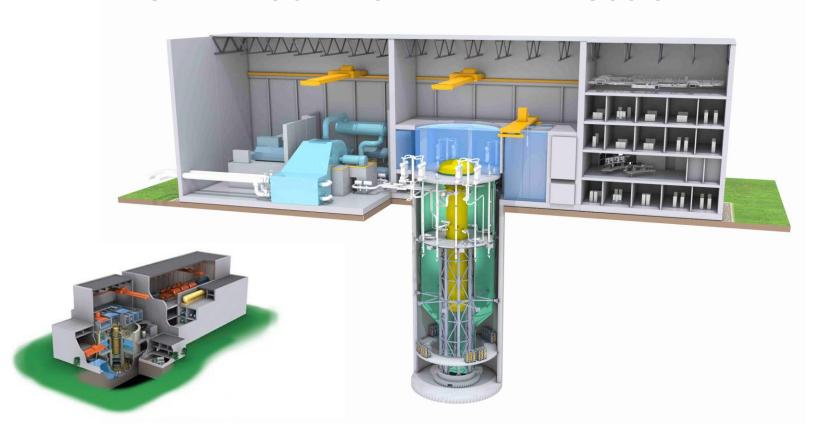
Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (Photo Courtesy of Ontario Power Generation)

#### WHAT AN SMR FACILITY COULD LOOK LIKE





#### **UTILITY SCALE SMR – BWRX-300 SMR**



#### **SMR PLANNING PHASE WORK UNDERWAY**

- Site selection
- Technology selection
- Preparation, submission and approval of a License to Prepare a Site from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC);
- Preparation of a Licence to Construct from the CNSC;
- Impact Assessment work;
- Extensive Indigenous, stakeholder, customer and public engagement; and
- Evaluation of potential business models and business case

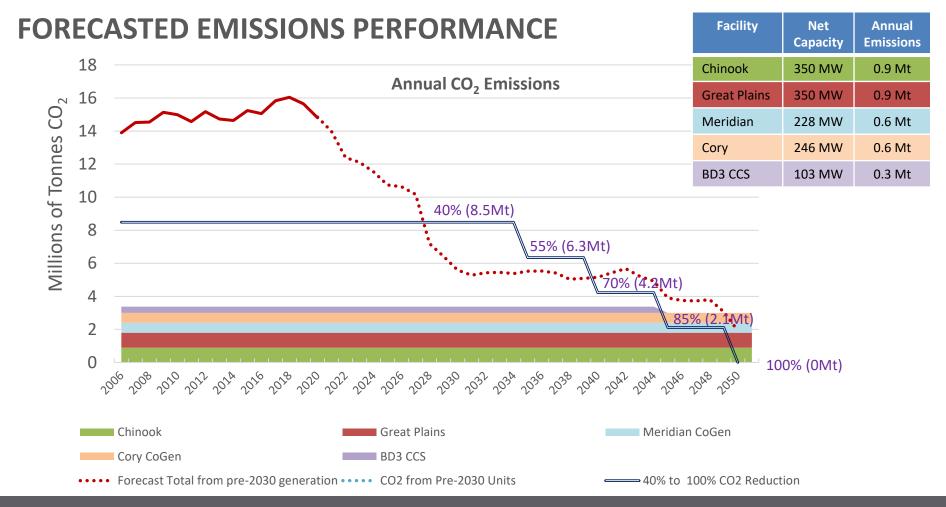
#### **PLANNING PHASE MILESTONES**

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#### **Decision to Proceed with Construction Decision to Proceed with Planning Phase** Operation **Planning Phase** Planning Phase includes: **Feasibility** Construction SMR site selection: · SMR technology down-**Final Feasibility Work** Site Licence submitted selection: Regulatory Prepare Site Licence Site Evaluation · Preparation, review Application Site Licence submission and approval of a License Site Recommended to Prepare a Site from Approval to Purchase the CNSC: **Prepare Construction** Regulatory Construction Licence Preparation and Licence Application review Approved submission of a Licence to Construct an SMR from the CNSC: Final Investment Construction Licence submitted Preparation and Decision **Prepare Operating** submission of a Licence Regulatory **SMR Technology Evaluation** to Operate an SMR Licence Application review from the CNSC: **Operating Licence** · Environmental, social, **Approved** economic and **Monitor OPG** Vendor Vendor Operating Licence submitted Operations Indigenous impact Selection Shortlist Commercial Initial assessment: and Construction/Commission Operation Site Prep Investment Extensive and ongoing Decision Indigenous, stakeholder, customer 42 months **Initial Contact** and public with IAA Planning Pre-Planning Impact Statement Decision engagement. **Impact Assessment Process** Project Milestone Ongoing Indigenous, Stakeholder, Customer and Public Engagement **Key Decision OPG's Darlington New Nuclear Project Commercial Operation** submitted

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