

# PLANNING A SUSTAINABLE POWER FUTURE

## THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF SMRs

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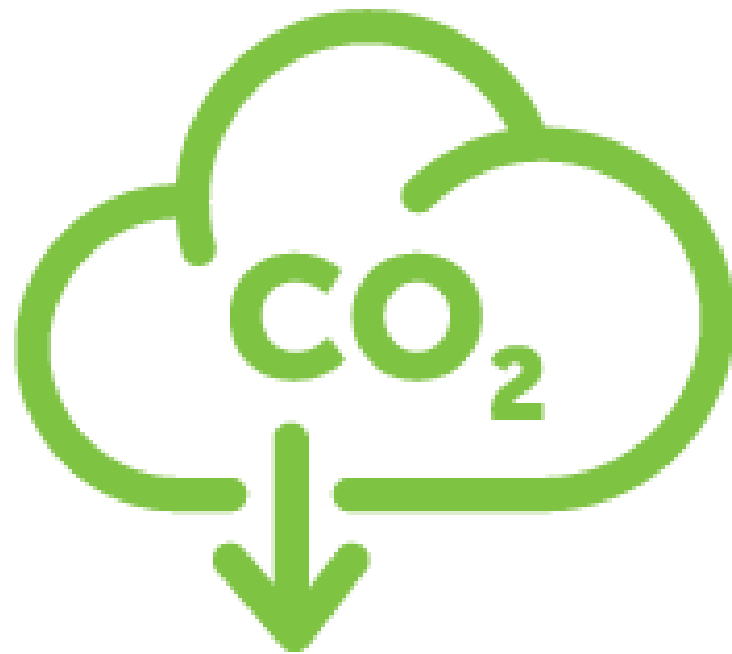
# TODAY'S OUTLINE

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

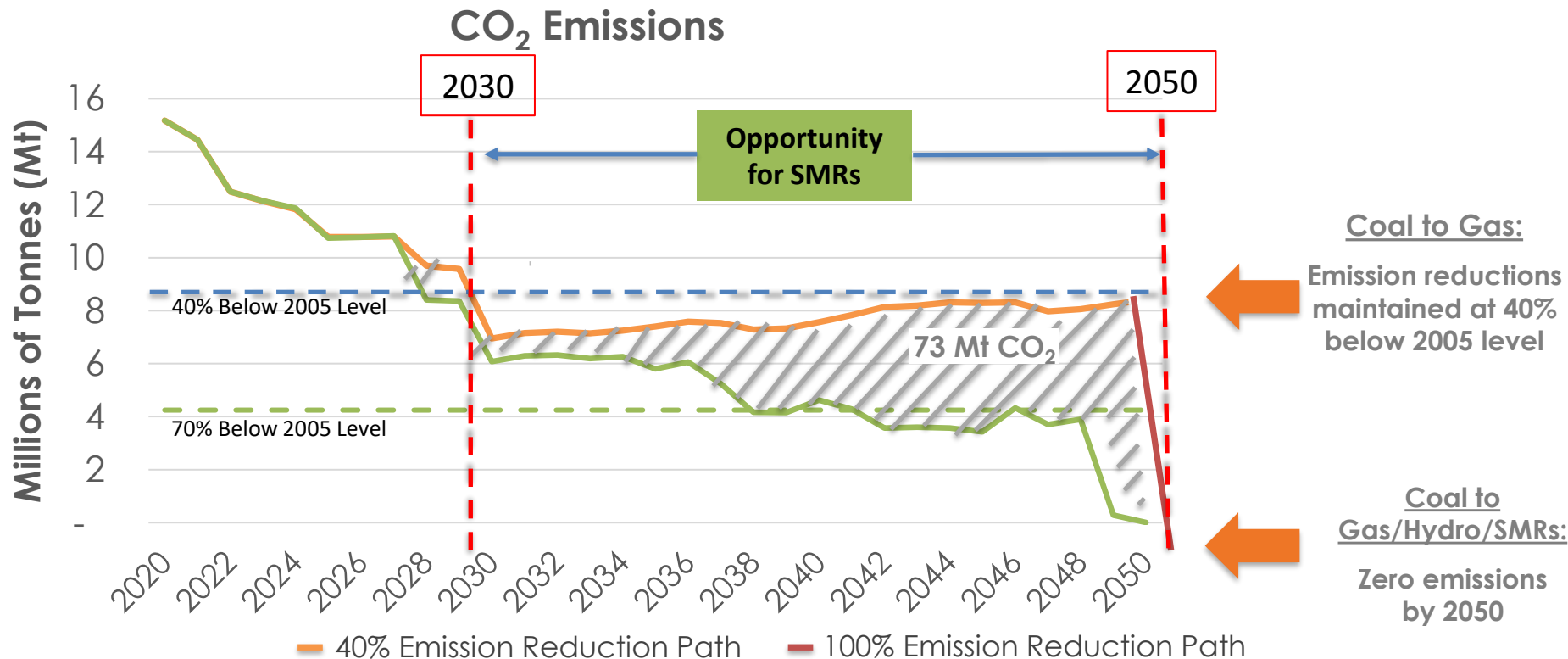


# TRANSITIONING THE PROVINCE'S POWER SYSTEM

- 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

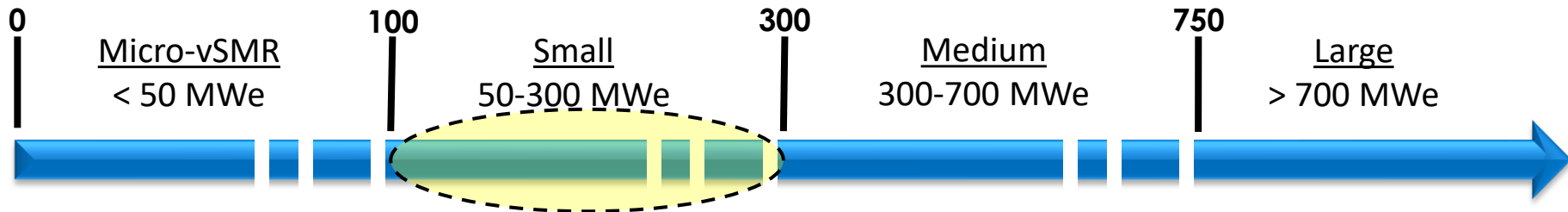
# KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SMR DEPLOYMENT

- 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



# EXAMPLES OF SMR DESIGNS

<b>GE-Hitachi</b>	<b>BWRX-300</b>	<b>Boiling Water Reactor</b>	<b>Ontario/Saskatchewan OPG/SaskPower</b>
<b>Xenergy</b>	<b>Xe-100</b>	<b>High Temperature Gas Reactor</b>	<b>Ontario/Saskatchewan OPG/SaskPower</b>
<b>Terrestrial Energy</b>	<b>Integral Molten Salt Reactor</b>	<b>Molten Salt Reactor</b>	<b>Ontario/Saskatchewan OPG/SaskPower</b>
<b>ARC Canada</b>	<b>ARC-100</b>	<b>Sodium Cooled Fast Reactor (100 MWe)</b>	<b>New Brunswick NB Power</b>
<b>Moltex Energy</b>	<b>Stable Salt Reactor</b>	<b>Molten Salt Reactor (300 MWe – scalable)</b>	<b>New Brunswick NB Power</b>
<b>Global First Power</b>	<b>MMR</b>	<b>vSMR (5 MWe)</b>	<b>Ontario OPG/CNL</b>
<b>Westinghouse</b>	<b>eVinci</b>	<b>vSMR (5 MWe)</b>	<b>Ontario Bruce Power</b>



# MICRO OR VERY SMALL MODULAR REACTOR (VSMRs)

- Reliable, clean power for remote communities, mine sites
- ~5-50 megawatts
- Some designs have 20-year fuel cycle

Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation  
Idaho National Labs Micro  
Modular Reactor Project

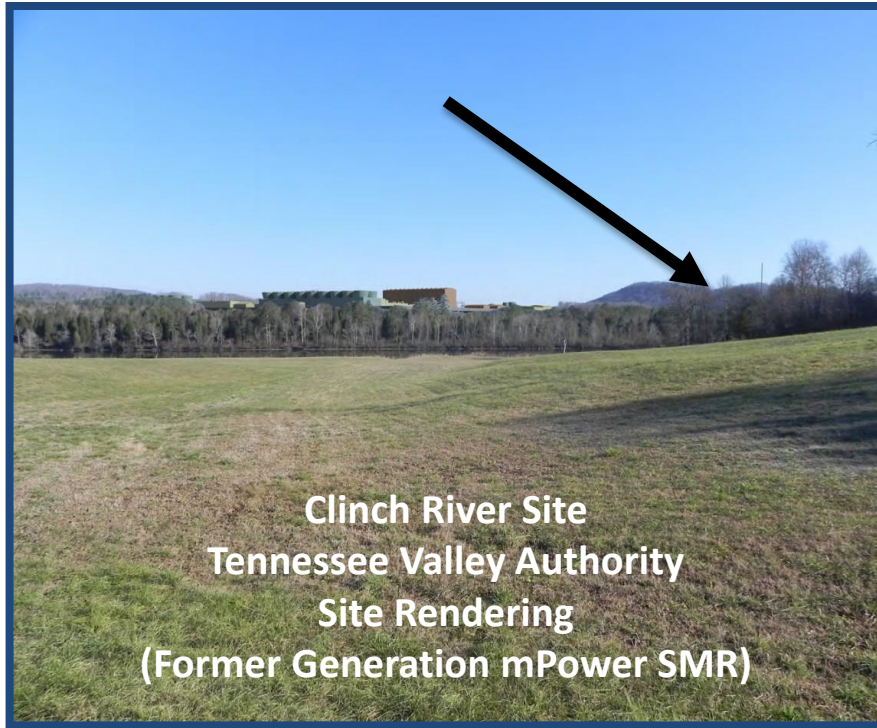
# FOOTPRINT OF A LARGE REACTOR FACILITY



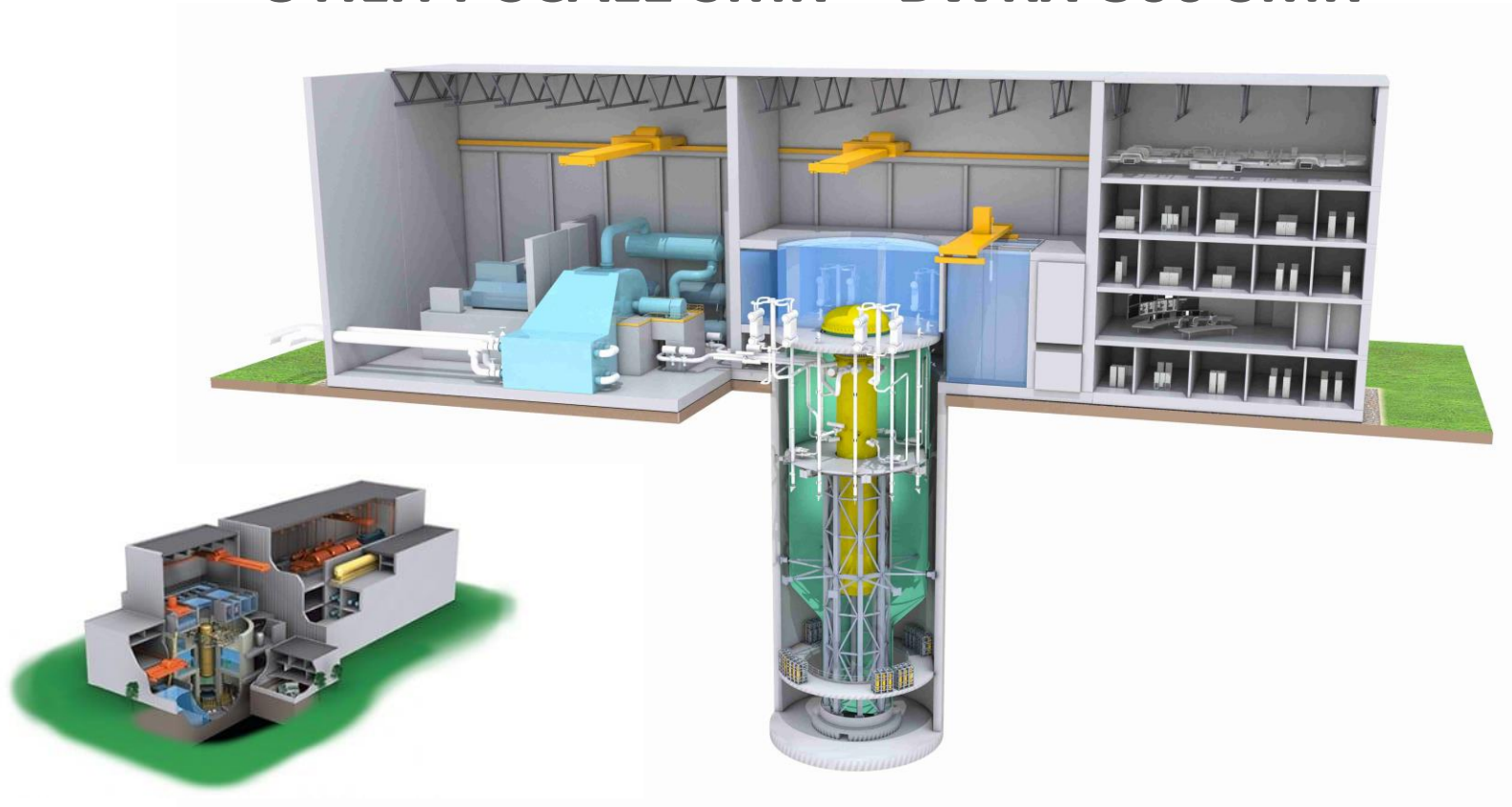
**Darlington Nuclear Generating Station** (Photo Courtesy of Ontario Power Generation)



# 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

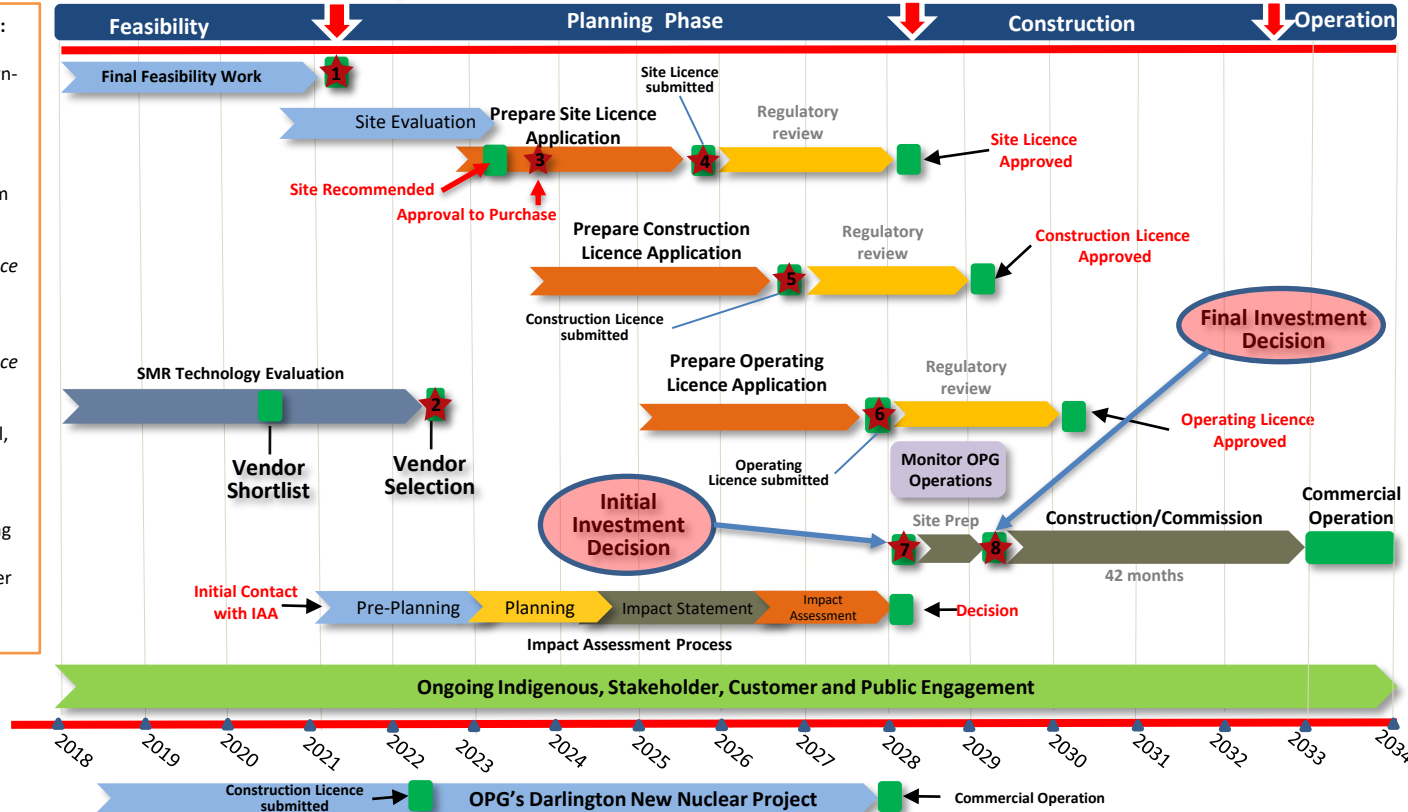
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Decision to Proceed with Planning Phase

Decision to Proceed with Construction

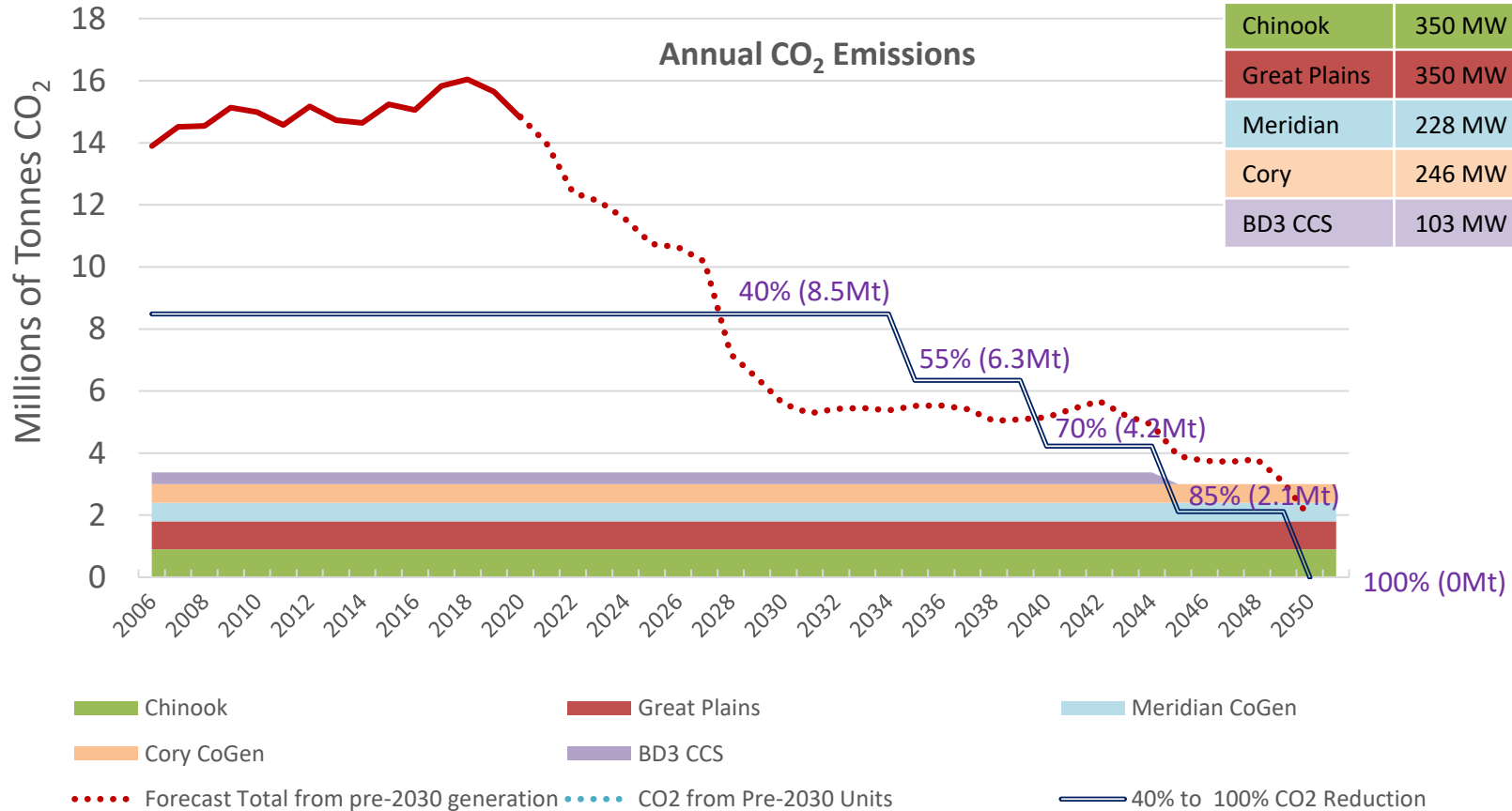
Planning Phase includes:

- SMR site selection;
- SMR technology down-selection;
- Preparation, submission and approval of a *License to Prepare a Site* from the CNSC;
- Preparation and submission of a *License to Construct* an SMR from the CNSC;
- Preparation and submission of a *License to Operate* an SMR from the CNSC;
- Environmental, social, economic and Indigenous impact assessment; and
- Extensive and ongoing Indigenous, stakeholder, customer and public engagement.



**THANK YOU!**  
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# FORECASTED EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE





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