



## Duke Energy Nuclear Programs Update for the South Carolina Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

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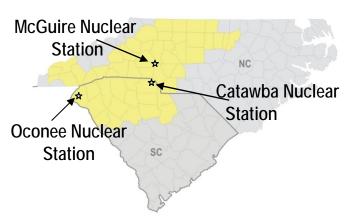
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## Nuclear Fleet Performance in 2009

- Strong performance through October
  - System capacity factor 96.1%
  - Oconee recognized as a Top Plant for digital instrumentation and controls work
  - McGuire Unit 2 completed second consecutive breaker-to-breaker run
  - Catawba Unit 1 completed the first ever Catawba breaker-tobreaker run
- Fall outage issues
  - Early shutdown at Catawba
  - Fuel damage during Oconee outage





## New Nuclear Development

- Lee Nuclear Station license application supplemented to include new makeup pond
- Probable commercial operation date for Lee Nuclear Station changed from 2018 to 2021
- AP1000 design certification issues
- Piketon, Ohio Energy Park initiative







## **Used Fuel Management**

- Obama Administration opposition to the proposed Yucca Mountain repository is hardening
- Trade press reports indicate that the Department of Energy (DOE) is preparing to withdraw the license application and terminate the project
- "Blue Ribbon Commission" planned to consider alternatives
- Potential impacts on commercial nuclear plants as well as DOE sites



View of Yucca Mountain from the northwest