# Changing Technology and Security: The Small Reactor Challenge

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#### **About Bruce Power**

#### 2001

Bruce Power Formed

#### 2013

All 8 units Operational

#### 2015

LTEP
Agreement
with Province
signed

#### Today

6,300Mw Clean, Safe & Reliable

Energy through 2064





**Nuclear In Canada Today** 

ONTARIO POWER GENERATION DARLINGTON ON

OPERATING

ONTARIO POWER GENERATION PICKERING ON

BRUCE POWER

TIVERTON ON

NEW BRUNSWICK POWER POINT LEPREAU, NB

# Canada Today













## **Canada Today**







## A Changing Landscape for Nuclear



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#### **Small Reactors**



NuScale Reactor

- Scalable Designs: <2 MW(e) to 300MW(e)
- .2% 30% of nominal reactor unit
- Simple
- Greatly Enhanced Public Safety
- Many New Markets
- Fast Decommissioning
- No carbon

#### and .... Portable

**eVinci** 

## **Deployment Platforms**



**NuScale** 









## Likely Deployment in Canada

- Smaller Canadian Markets:
  - Small Cities (Small Grid)
  - Natural Resource Extraction
  - Northern Communities
- Variety of energy uses:
  - Electricity
  - Process Steam
  - Heating Steam



## **Deployment in Canada**

#### The Challenges:

- Remote locations
- Scalable, one solution doesn't fit all
- Much smaller cash flows
- Current industry approach to security not feasible

#### What about other industries?

### San Bruno Gas Explosion



- Thousands evacuated
- 35 homes destroyed, many damaged
- Victim settlements alone \$565M

- 2010 Natural Gas Pipeline explosion
- San Bruno (San Francisco) CA
- 8 deaths, hundreds of injuries
- Crater 167 ft long, 40 ft deep in Glenview Drive
- Registered as 1.1 seismic event



## San Bruno Gas Explosion





## **Toronto Propane Explosion (Sunrise)**



- 2 deaths
- 19,000 evacuated for several days (asbestos contamination)
- \$1.9 M in cleanup costs and >
   \$20 M in property damage

- In 2008 Downsview Ontario
- Sunrise propane plant explodes



## **Sunrise Explosion**





## **East Village Gas Explosion - NY**



- 19 injured, 2 dead, 3 Bldgs destroyed
- Caused by tampering

 March 26, 2015 in the East Village of Manhattan





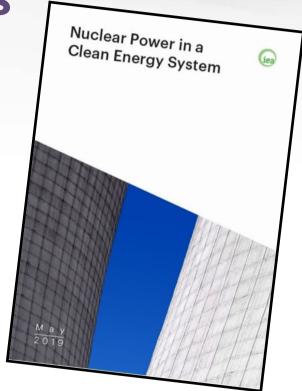
# **Need and Urgency**

The Challenge Before Us

World demand for energy is impacting the ability to achieve environment and climate change goals:

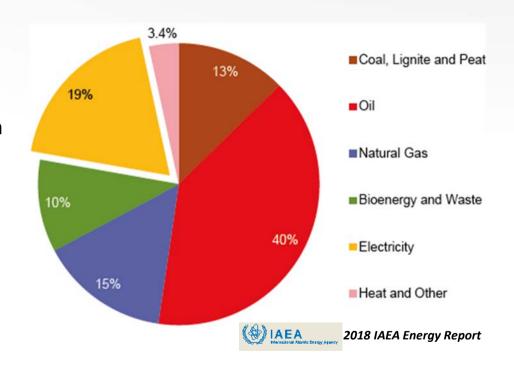
- Need to reduce fossil fuel consumption coal, gas, diesel
- No single energy solution = more nuclear must be part of the mix to enable renewables and other new energy forms

2019 International Energy Agency report "Nuclear Power in a Clean Energy System"



## The Need for Clean Energy

- ☐ Globally ~ 130,000 TWh total energy consumption:
  - Electricity 19% ~ 25,000 TWh
  - Fossil fuels ~ 70%
  - Bioenergy and waste ~ 10%
- Electricity consumption rising on average 571 TWh each year



## **Current Options**

- Globally ~130,000 TWh total energy consumption
- Currently only about 1/3 of new generation is low carbon.
- Carbon levels continue to increase world wide.
- 570 TWh of new clean electricity required each year to maintain current carbon emissions levels.
- This is equivalent to addition of 1000 MW clean energy power plant every 5 days.
- Net zero carbon by 2050 requires 1000 MW every day plus retirement of equal amount of carbon emitting sources.
- Canada's 80 Mt carbon equivalent emissions reduction shortfall to 2030 target can be achieved by replacing coal generation with nuclear

570 TWh from Modern Sources	
Wind	<ul> <li>Intermittent - Capacity Factor 37%</li> <li>~56,800 - 3 MW units</li> <li>Land usage - <u>18,460</u> sq. miles</li> </ul>
Hydro	<ul> <li>Partially Intermittent - Capacity Factor -%</li> <li>Land usage - <u>34,945</u> sq. miles</li> </ul>
Solar	<ul> <li>Intermittent - Capacity Factor 26%</li> <li>Land usage - 3,195 sq. miles</li> </ul>
Nuclear	<ul> <li>24/7 - Capacity Factor 93%</li> <li>71 -1000 Mw units</li> <li>Land usage - 1,442 sq. miles</li> </ul>

#### **Land Usage by Energy Source**

We need all of them



Solar ~3,195 sq. miles



Hydro ~34,945 sq. miles



Nuclear ~1,442 sq. miles





#### Conclusions

- Understand actual risks in relation to other risks in society, don't look at nuclear in isolation
- Cost matters, reactor size matters, design matters
- One size solution will not fit all
- Make use of modern technology in security
- Delays in carbon reduction is itself a risk

# The challenge for Regulators:

Innovation in...

Technology Safety

Regulation



