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Canada's Nuclear and Digital Infrastructure Leaders Convene at OCNI Nuclear & Data Centres Industry Day

[Brampton, Ontario] – February 17, 2026 – **The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI),** in collaboration with Host Sponsor **Gowling WLG** and Event Partner **Accenture,** convened industry leaders, policymakers, utilities, technology innovators, and supply chain companies this week for the Nuclear & Data Centres Industry Day.

The one-day event brought together expertise from across Canada's nuclear sector and the rapidly expanding data infrastructure ecosystem to examine the growing intersection between clean baseload power, artificial intelligence, and digital transformation.

As demand for data processing, AI development, and secure digital infrastructure accelerates, the need for reliable, non-emitting energy has become increasingly urgent. Canada's nuclear industry is uniquely positioned to support this growth — providing stable, scalable power while strengthening domestic supply chains and global competitiveness.

"Nuclear energy and digital infrastructure are not parallel conversations in Canada — they are directly connected. That's why OCNI is proud to convene utilities, policymakers, technology innovators, and Canada's nuclear supply chain to learn from each other, strengthen domestic capability, and ensure we can deliver the clean, reliable baseload power needed for Canada's digital future." ***Ivette Vera-Perez, CEO & President, OCNI***

"As demand for digital services and data infrastructure grows, our government is focused on getting the fundamentals right by securing our data, building resilient systems, and ensuring smart procurement that supports Ontario companies and creates good-paying jobs. That's how we're building a stronger digital economy Ontarians can trust." ***Honourable Minister Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement***

"As Ontario continues to see a rapid growth in the data centre and AI sector, we're building out our diverse grid to support the energy needs of industry, prioritizing what's in the best interest of workers and our economy." Said Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries. "We understand the value of data centres for our people and for our industries. That's why we are attracting the best in the world to build a resilient and secure future for our digital infrastructure - supported by reliable and clean energy for decades to come." ***Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries***

"OCNI is continuing its long tradition of bringing together those at every level of decision-making in the nuclear field: the nuclear supply chain, major drivers of demand for power generation capacity, and thought leaders including policymakers. The conversations today illuminated the opportunities ahead for the nuclear and AI sectors and have provided sober-minded recognition

of the significant challenges that need resolution to enable those opportunities." ***Ahab Abdel-Aziz, Partner & Global Director, Nuclear Power Generation, Gowling WLG***

"Nuclear and digital infrastructure must advance together," said Jennifer Wong, Accenture Canada's National Leader for Power Generation. "That alignment is key to unlocking Canada's digital innovation and future economic strength". ***Jennifer Wong, Principal Director | Power Generation Lead – Canada, Accenture.***

The event underscored a central message: meeting Canada's future digital demands will require coordinated action across energy producers, technology leaders, financial institutions, regulators, and governments. Nuclear energy — particularly as Ontario advances new builds and small modular reactors — will play a foundational role in powering this next chapter.

By convening leaders from both sectors, OCNI reinforced its commitment to strengthening Canada's nuclear supply chain, advancing global competitiveness, and supporting the infrastructure needed to power the country's digital future.

About OCNI

The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) represents more than 250 companies across Canada's nuclear supply chain. Through connection, capacity building, global market access, and advocacy, OCNI works to ensure Canadian nuclear companies are positioned to lead in domestic and international markets.