

Vogtle 3, 4 projects reach 5,000 workers

With the Unit 3 cooling tower now rising more than 450 feet above the earth, visible progress continues on the two new nuclear units currently under construction at Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle near Waynesboro.

Seven days a week, the site is a source of constant activity with 5,000 workers currently working on various elements of the new units.

Vogtle units 3 and 4, among the first new nuclear units to be constructed in the U.S.

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in three decades, are beginning to mirror the existing units at Plant Vogtle which have been in safe, reliable operation since the 1980s.

The \$10 billion capital project, which will provide clean energy for 60 years at a low, stable cost, is currently scheduled to enter service in late 2017 for Unit 3 and late 2018 for Unit 4.

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The project continues to be well managed by the multiple companies involved. Significant milestones reached since January include the placement of a major structural module, CA20, in the Unit 3 nuclear island and the placement of the containment vessel bottom head (CVBH) for Unit 4.

At more than 1,100 tons, the CA20 is the heaviest lift of the construction project to date. In addition, the project team is applying lessons learned from the construction



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Pictured is the Vogtle Unit 3 nuclear island, with the Unit 3 cooling tower in the background.

of Unit 3 to Unit 4, resulting in increased efficiency.

Although still several years away, the company is commencing its transition to opera-

tions well ahead of start-up, with licensed operator training underway, as well as other startup activities in preparation to connect to the grid for commercial operation.

Once complete, the two new units will provide enough carbon-free electricity to power 500,000 Georgia homes and businesses.