

## Nuclear Extended Power Uprate project honored

The nuclear fleet's Extended Power Uprate (EPU) project was recently honored by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) with two *Top Industry Practice Awards* (TIP) for innovation and excellence at the annual Nuclear Energy Assembly in Washington, D.C. The TIP awards are the most prestigious honor in the nuclear industry, recognizing top innovators in safety, efficiency, plant performance and community relations.

The EPU project itself was recognized with one TIP award and the project's community outreach efforts were recognized with an award, as well.

"I couldn't be more proud of our nuclear team. They focused at all times on living the values of our Nuclear Excellence Model and delivering this project safely. Along the way, they developed a number of innovative best practices that can now be replicated across the industry," said Chief Nuclear Officer Mano Nazar. "These awards are a real credit to the members of our team who work around the clock to safely produce reliable, emissions-free energy."

EPUs are a proven, safe and reliable way to increase power output from existing nuclear power plants without the need for new plant construction. The multi-year, multi-billion dollar investment to upgrade the Point Beach, Turkey Point and St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plants added more than 700 new megawatts of clean energy capacity – the equivalent of building a new mid-size generation plant.

The project also created thousands of jobs and brought millions of dollars in spending to the local communities around the plants. The project also received the Community Relations TIP award for its program to educate FPL stakeholders about the benefits of the EPU project. The outreach highlighted the role FPL's nuclear power plants play as an economic driver for the community and how nuclear power is a key component in keeping customer bills the lowest of Florida's 55 electric utilities.