

NUCLEAR ENERGY IN MINNESOTA

A SIZABLE SOURCE OF JOBS, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND CARBON-FREE ENERGY

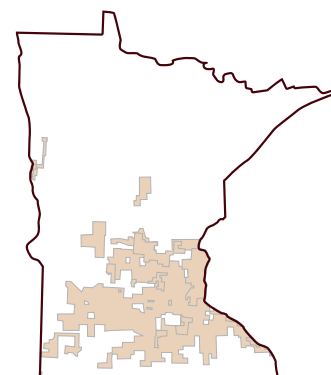


CLEAN, RELIABLE POWER FOR A SMARTER FUTURE

At Xcel Energy, we're proud to operate two of Minnesota's vital energy assets: the Monticello and Prairie Island nuclear generating plants. These facilities are energy powerhouses, and they are cornerstones of our clean energy future. Together, Monticello and Prairie Island produce 27% of the electricity used by our customers in the Upper Midwest. And they do it without releasing carbon emissions, helping Minnesota avoid almost 8 million metric tons of CO₂ every year.

We've extended Monticello's operating license through 2050 and are seeking to do the same for Prairie Island through 2054. These long-term investments reflect our commitment to reliability, affordability and sustainability. Our nuclear plans are part of the fabric of our communities, fueling local economies and powering innovation.

As we move toward a carbon-free future in Minnesota by 2040, nuclear energy is more important than ever. It's the only 24/7 carbon-free resource available today—able to power homes, schools, hospitals and now, the data centers and AI systems that are reshaping our world. Whether it's a heat wave or a polar vortex, nuclear keeps the lights on.



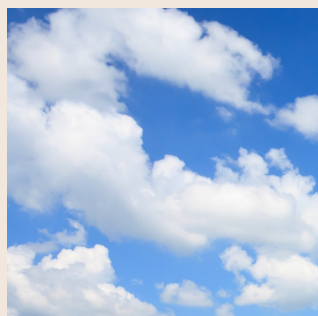
Nuclear means clean air. Together, the two nuclear plants...

...help Minnesota avoid
7.8 MILLION
metric tons of carbon dioxide
every year.

...generate a total output of
1,650 MW
of 100% carbon-free electricity every year — enough to serve
1.5 MILLION
households.



Supports over
1,100
jobs at the plants and thousands
more throughout the state.



Nuclear power is a key component of the company's vision to be

100% CARBON-FREE BY 2050
and currently provides approximately
36%
of our existing carbon-free generation and
27%
of our total generation in the Upper Midwest.



Generates nearly
\$213 MILLION
in state and local taxes annually.

Generates over
\$1 BILLION
in economic activity annually.



It's like removing **1.7 MILLION** vehicles from our roads.

On average, our nuclear
plants operate over a
90%
capacity factor.

The nuclear fleet has achieved production costs around
\$29/MWh for the past four years which is over
8% SAVINGS
from 2013 costs (in 2025 dollars).