

Briefing Note

Announcement from The Hon. Tim Hodgson, Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources at Bruce Power

August 20th, 2025

Overview:

- On August 19th, 2025, the The Hon. Tim Hodgson, Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, announced a \$13M investment by the Government of Canada to support Bruce Power, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and IsoGen (a joint venture with Kinectrics and Framatome) in the development and installation of a second Isotope Production System (IPS) on CANDU Unit 6 at Bruce Power.

Key Considerations:

- This \$13M investment from the federal government will be used to support the installation of a second IPS on Unit 6 at Bruce Power, expanding Lutetium-177 production capacity and protecting against disruption during major refurbishments.
- The Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin Partnership is supporting the global fight against cancer while creating new, meaningful economic opportunities within the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.
- The isotope market is projected to grow from just over \$13B CAD to over \$45B CAD in the coming decade.
- This project will support the Canadian National Isotope Council (CNIC)'s Isotopes for Hope goal of doubling isotope production in Canada by 2030.
- As outlined in the [Review of regional opportunities](#), the first of twelve recommendations is to *“Build upon the success of the Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin Partnership to ensure that increase production of medical isotopes in the region generates meaningful and lasting economic opportunities for the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and its people.”*
 - The announcement today is a substantial investment from the federal government and will continue to embed indigenous partnerships in the isotope sector, ensuring shared benefit, long-term impact and continued development of the regional isotope ecosystem.

Background:

- Unit 6, which was returned to service in 2023 following refurbishment, will be equipped to produce Lutetium-177 (Lu-177), a targeted cancer therapy used to treat prostate cancer with approved and expanding applications. This builds on the success of Lu-177 production in Unit 7 and ensures a stable supply during Unit 7's scheduled Major Component Replacement outage in 2028.
- This investment underscores the importance of the Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin Partnership and the positive impact it has and will continue to have on the nuclear sector.

To read the announcement please click [here](#).

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