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### **OAQDA Approves Nuclear and Renewable Generation Fund Projects**

COLUMBUS – At the March 23 monthly meeting, The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) approved the recipients of the Nuclear and Renewable Generation Fund as prescribed in Amended House Bill 6 by the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The program, which is administered by OAQDA, issues credits to nuclear and renewable energy resources for each megawatt-hour of electricity generated in their facilities. Reporting on the approved facilities will begin April 7.

To qualify for the program, applicants had to apply by February 1, 2020. In addition, the qualifying electric generating facilities must be fueled by nuclear energy or solar energy and hold a certificate issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board prior to June 2019 for the construction and operation of the facility. All facilities participating in this program must be interconnected with the transmission grid controlled by PJM interconnection, LLC and report their generation in the Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS), which OAQDA will utilize for the issuance of credits.

“These programs provide clean energy that will be used by hundreds of thousands of Ohioans and contribute to better air quality and other environmental benefits,” said Christina O’Keeffe, executive director, OAQDA. “Ohio ranks high among Midwestern states for clean energy jobs, and the approved projects will further support job creation and economic impact throughout the state.”

The projects approved by OAQDA on March 23, 2020 for the Renewable Generation Fund are as follows:

- **Highland Solar** (Highland County) is a 300-megawatt solar-powered electric generating facility.
- **Hillcrest Solar** (Brown County) is a 200-megawatt solar project owned by Innergex, which brings clean and sustainable power to tens of thousands of Ohioans.
- **Willowbrook Solar I, LLC** (Highland and Brown Counties) is a 150-megawatt solar-powered electric generation facility.

The Nuclear Generation Fund projects approved at OAQDA's March 23, 2020 meeting are as follows:

- **Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station** (Ottawa County) is a nuclear power plant near Oak Harbor, Ohio, which is operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company.
- **Perry Nuclear Power Plant** (Lake County), located on Lake Erie, is a nuclear power plant operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company.

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*The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply and go beyond clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, OAQDA has worked to prevent air pollution throughout the state of Ohio by providing businesses with the resources they need to reduce harmful air emissions and be more energy efficient while creating jobs and boosting local economies. To date, OAQDA has awarded more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit [ohioairquality.org](http://ohioairquality.org).*