

Cholla production records abound in '07
Employee commitment, attention to detail credited
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Cholla employees are bursting with pride, and rightly so. The plant generated a record amount of electricity in 2007 and one of its units set a record for continuous operation. Another unit set a new generation record last year and this is the second time in three years the plant has set a new production record.

The plant's four units combined to generate 7,940,371 megawatt-hours (MWh) in 2007, a 4.8 percent increase over the previous record set in 2005. In that year, Cholla produced 7,577,568 MWh and before that, Cholla set a record in 2001 of 7,151,386 MWh. For the year, the site achieved a total plant capacity factor of 88.78 percent.

"On Dec 6, Unit 2 set a new record for annual production of electricity," **Conrad Spencer**, Plant Manager, Cholla said. "Immediately following that, on Dec. 12, Unit 3 set a new record for annual production of electricity."

This was followed by the plant setting its new record for total plant production of electricity on Dec. 15.

Another way Unit 2 contributed to the plant's success was by setting the record for the longest-ever run of an APS coal-powered unit. It operated non-stop for 310 days, completing its record run on Dec. 10. Its 2007 output was 2,136,820 MWh, which bested its 2006 output of 1,996,799 MWh.

Unit 3's record output of 2,157,837 MWh was 5.8 percent above its previous record of 2,039,247 MWh set in 2005.

"This just doesn't happen all by itself," Spencer said. "It is the result of everyone's hard work in moving coal, operating units, removing ash, ordering materials, delivering materials, auditing environmental compliance, engineering solutions to problems, and monitoring chemistry. It also includes our work in accounting for costs, ensuring payroll is complete, writing and administering contracts, fixing vehicles, reinforcing safety principles, treating injuries. And there's also the efforts involved with staffing vacant positions, creating news bulletins, constructing new systems, performing overhauls, doing day-to-day maintenance, planning for future work and more.

"All I can say is thanks for all you do each and every day."

In praising the efforts of the plant's employees, **John Denman**, Senior Vice President, Fossil Operations, said, "Cholla demonstrates the dedication to excellence in all aspects of plant operations that is evident throughout the entire fossil generation team.

"Long-term planning, attention to detail during overhauls and operations, and maintaining the plant at a high level of performance is key to the success of Cholla and the other plants in the company's fossil fleet."

Congratulations.

	Year in service	Net capacity (MW)	Owned by
Cholla			
Unit 1	1962	110	APS
Unit 2	1978	260	APS
Unit 3	1980	271	APS

Unit 4 1981

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