



Cholla's Unit 2 ties record for second-longest continuous run

It may have seemed like an ordinary Wednesday night, but Aug. 22 represented a milestone for Cholla's Unit 2.

At 11:35 p.m. the unit marked its 200th day of continuous operation, surpassing its previous record of 187 days set in 2004. And today, Unit 2 ties a record set in 2001, when Unit 4 ran continuously for 220 days. After today, Unit 2 will stand alone with the record for second-longest run for a Cholla unit in the plant's history.

Since Feb. 3, Unit 2 has generated 1,187,000 megawatts (MW) and achieved a capacity factor mark of 95.1 percent.

Conrad Spencer, Plant Manager, credited the milestone to Cholla's employees. "Our employees are focused on doing their best every day. So, it's no coincidence that we're on track to produce the most megawatts ever in a single year. But also, while we've got a lot going on, working safely every shift, day in and day out, remains first and foremost with us," he said.

Also of note, in July the unit operated at a capacity factor of 99.2 percent and generated 191,848 megawatts – another new Unit 2 record.

The record for longest continuous operation at Cholla is 253 days, set by Unit 1 in 2005. In that same year, Unit 3 had a continuous run of 202 days which currently ranks fourth among the Cholla units.

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Editor's note: Capacity factor is the ratio of the electricity generated, for the time considered, to the energy that could have been generated at continuous full-power operation during the same period.