

Cholla Unit 2 hits 300-day record

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Cholla's Unit 2, a 260-megawatt coal-powered generator that first went into commercial operation in 1978, set a milestone record today, running for 300 continuous days. This surpasses all continuous run records by any APS-owned or operated coal-unit and the unit still is going strong.

"The Cholla team does a terrific job of paying attention to the details of keeping a unit capable of producing electricity," **Conrad Spencer**, Plant Manager, Cholla, said. "Our employees do a great job day-in and day-out, and Unit 2's continuous days of operation is a reflection of their dedication."

"The unit run and Cholla's plant performance in general this year is a credit to the dedication and commitment to excellence in all aspects of plant operations by all the Cholla employees over the last few years," **John Denman**, Senior Vice President, Fossil Operations, said. "It is common for someone outside the plants to say Cholla is doing a great job this year because of the good performance and that is correct to an extent, but the commitment and dedication to quality operations and maintenance during the last overhaul and years prior to this year are just as much – if not more – of a factor than what we are doing today.

"Good unit performance is a result of that commitment and dedication to quality for several years by the Cholla team, and our owners and customers are reaping the benefits," Denman said. "Plus what we do today and at the upcoming overhauls will have a major impact on our future success. Cholla's capacity factor is 91 percent year-to-date and the plant will generate more megawatts this year than we ever have in the history of the plant."

The company's other coal-powered plant, Four Corners, also is having a good year. The production capacity for Four Corners units 1, 2 and 3 year-to-date is 90 percent and for September, October and November, the plant's capacity factor for all five units has been 95.4 percent, 92.4 percent and 94 percent respectively.

The capacity factor for Four Corner's Unit 4 for September, October and November was 92, 97.1 and 99 percent respectively.

	Year went into service	Net capacity (MW)
Cholla		
Unit 1	1962	110
Unit 2	1978	260
Unit 3	1980	271
Unit 4	1981	380
Four Corners		
Unit 1	1963	170
Unit 2	1963	170
Unit 3	1964	220
Unit 4	1969	750
Unit 5	1970	750

Editor's note: Capacity factor is determined by adding up every minute of every hour of every day in a month and subtracting the time the units did not run, including planned outages.