

# NMP3 USEPR Subsurface Investigation and Site Characterization

NRC Site Visit October 9 – 10, 2007



### Agenda

#### 10/9/07

- 1300 Meet NRC Team at UniStar site headquarters
- 1315 Safety Briefing
- 1330 Geotechnical Review Activities

#### 10/10/07

- 0800 NRC (entire team) gathers at UniStar site HQ
- 0810 Presentation on NMP Site Characterization Project activities
- 0900 Safety briefing
- 0915 SUV tour of the site
- 1030 Site Visit Review Activities
- 1145 Lunch
- 1230 Site Visit Review Activities
- 1630 Exit Meeting

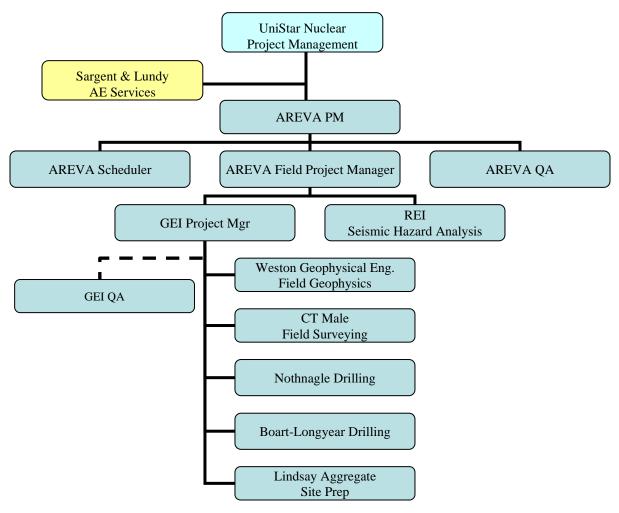


## NMP3 Project Overview

- NMP3 Site Description
  - Mostly wooded with significant wetlands on the available property
  - Conceptual design of water intake to finalize borings
- Site Selection and Layout
  - Located the unit north of Lake Rd. and west of NMP U1
  - Optimized location and orientation around wetlands to facilitate subsurface investigation field work
  - Optimized proximity to lake to minimize intake tunneling
    - S&L developed site layout and alternatives analysis for Makeup Water Pumphouse/piping, finalizing this week

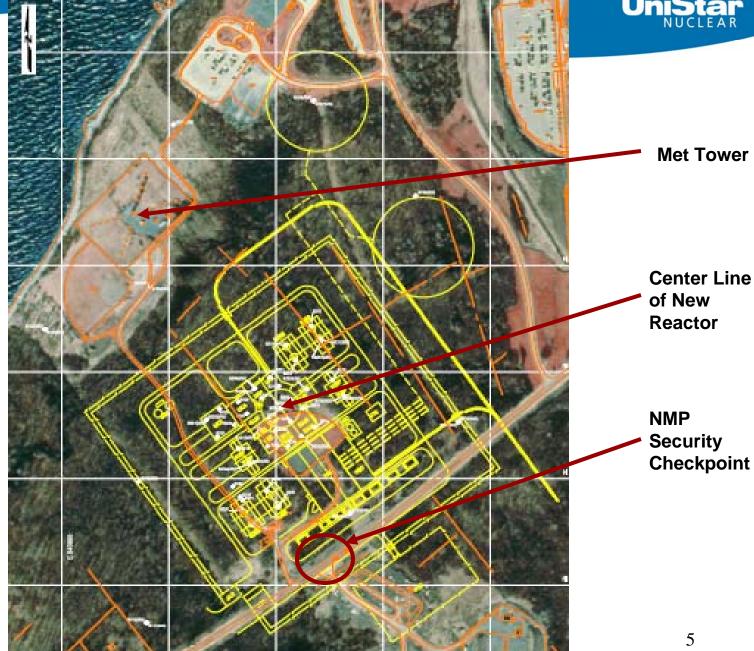


# NMP3 Site Characterization Organization Chart





Site Map (Reference)





## Subsurface Investigation - Project Scope

#### Site Characterization Field Work

- Investigations of:
  - Soil
  - Bedrock
  - Ground Water
- Soil borings
- Bedrock cores
- Monitoring wells: water levels and sampling
- Seismic refraction and cross-hole work



#### **Subsurface Investigation**

- References
  - Basis for site characterization work is derived from:
    - R.G. 1.132 Site Investigation for Foundation
    - R.G. 1.138 Lab Investigation of Soils
    - R.G. 1.198 Soil Liquefaction (likely NA)
    - R.G. 1.206 Combined License Applications
    - NQA-1, 1994, Subpart 2.20

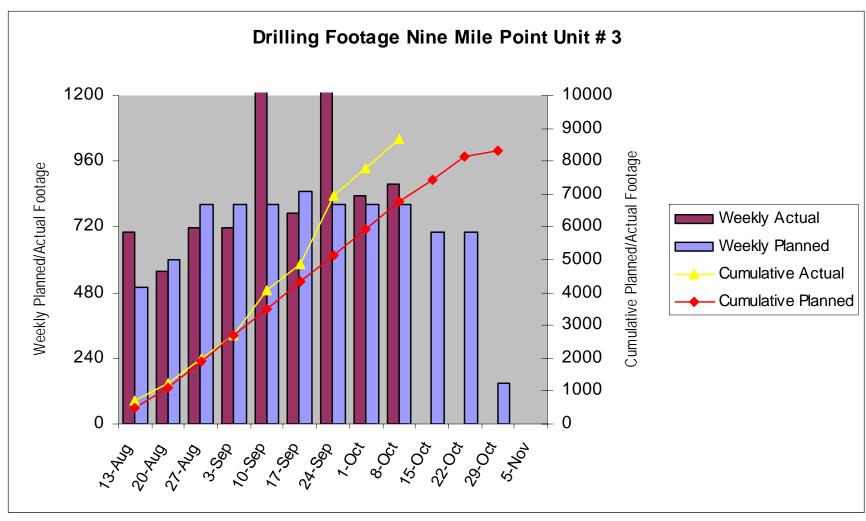


#### Subsurface Investigation: Fall 2007

- Scope/Production Data
  - 33 Bedrock monitoring wells
  - 75 Geotechnical borings
  - About 9000 feet of rock core
  - 12 boreholes with multiple permeability tests in rock
  - 12 Seismic refraction lines
  - 2 cross-hole seismic arrays/6 geophysics borings
  - Offshore seismic refraction in planning



## **Drilling Progress**





### **Subsurface Investigation**

- Programmatic Approach: NQA-1
  - Work done under the AREVA QA Program
  - Approved Procedures: AREVA, GEI and WGE
    - Applicable Document List
    - AREVA Documentum system
  - Planning: Use of Work Plans for field work execution
  - QA in-process surveillances
  - Sample handling and storage (procedure)
  - Qualification and training
  - Records: all technical field documentation captured



### Subsurface Investigation – QA Program

AREVA is delegated responsibility by UniStar Nuclear to perform site characterization work under their QA program

- AREVA has been audited and approved by UniStar Nuclear
- UniStar Nuclear observes site characterization activities to ensure quality meets expectations

AREVA is responsible for corrective action program implementation:

Issues have been identified and corrective actions taken



### NMP Geological Summary

- Depth to Bedrock:
  - 0 to 30 feet; Average 15 feet
- Soils:
  - Fill in some areas
  - Unconsolidated glacial deposits, minor clay, local till
- Bedrock:
  - Regional dip < 5 degrees south</li>
- Oswego Sandstone (10 to 20 Feet)
  - Massive, siliceous sandstone (thin shale, siltstone)
  - Transition zone Alternating sandstone, shale; 6 to 12 inch shale at base



### **NMP Geological Summary**

- Pulaski Fm (120 to 140 feet):
  - Argillaceous sandstone; Interbedded fossiliferous shale, siltstone; 0.25 to 3.0 inch green marker horizon
  - Interbedded shale, siltstone, sandstone; 1 to 12 inch fossiliferous shale marker horizon
  - Siltstone, shale, Interbedded sandstone; 3 to 5 foot sandstone at base
- Whetstone Gulf Fm siltstone, shale, interbedded sandstone, fossiliferous
- Fractures:
  - Typically low angle, clean (bedding plane)
  - Occasionally clay filled
  - Rare sulfide or Fe-oxide
  - Rare high angle, clean, generally in sandstone
  - RQD > 85%, sometimes more fractured in top 5 feet



## NMP Hydrological Summary

- Surface water bodies:
  - Lake Ontario to the North
  - Intermittent drainage where wetland crosses site at North
- Regional groundwater gradient approximately 0.7% to N-NW
- Depth to groundwater > 9 feet (bgs), commonly dry to 50 feet when air hammer drilling. No perched groundwater observed. Shallow wells planned.
- Pressure testing:
  - Oswego unconfined aquifer
    - 1.2 to 19 gal.
  - Pulaski confined aquifer, locally methane bearing
    - < 1 to 23 gal.
  - Whetstone confined aquifer
    - < 1 to 2.4 gal.