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Mica Creek Power Station celebrates dual milestones

CS Energy's Mica Creek Power Station is celebrating two major milestones this week — three years without a lost time injury and the 45th anniversary of the official opening of the power station in 1961.

Mica Creek Power Station Site Manager Steve Davison congratulated his 80 staff members for maintaining their safety focus over the last three years.

“This is an outstanding effort for both Mica Creek and CS Energy as a company, as working around heavy machinery always involves an element of risk,” Mr Davison said.

“Our next goal is to extend this safety record and avoid any possibility of a lost time injury in the future.”

The power station will hold a function for staff this week to celebrate the three years without an injury and the official opening of the station on Tuesday, 17 January 1961 by the then Minister for Development, Mines, Main Roads and Electricity, Ernest Evans.

At the time of the opening, Mica Creek Power Station was coal fired with two generating units and a capacity of 66 megawatts (MW). Since then, the power station has progressively expanded to meet the northwest region's needs and converted to being a gas fired power station. Today, Mica Creek has 10 generating units with a combined capacity of 325 MW.

CS Energy Chief Executive Mark Chatfield, who will travel to Mount Isa this week to celebrate the twin milestones with staff, passed on his congratulations.

“Both staff and contractors at Mica Creek have set an extraordinary standard for safety at CS Energy,” Mr Chatfield said.

“I look forward to Mica Creek staff continuing their safety focus as they work to provide a reliable power supply for industry and the community in northwest Queensland.”

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