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Braidwood hosts high schoolers looking to learn about nuclear jobs

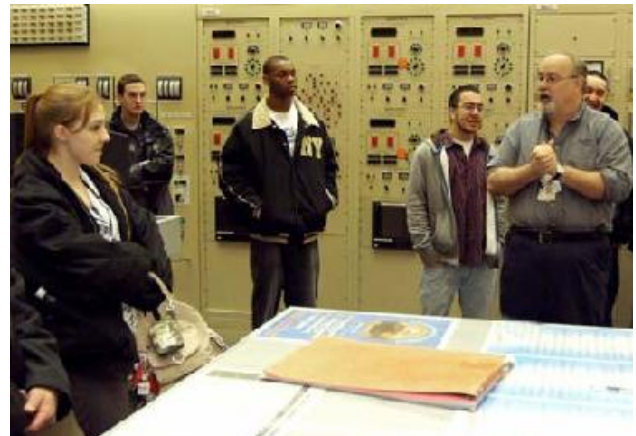
Braidwood Station employees presented information regarding careers in nuclear power to more than 60 members of the Three Rivers Education Partnership at a career day on Monday, Jan. 28.

The event was held at the Services and Training Center in Wilmington and featured Braidwood employees from Chemistry, Engineering, Maintenance, Operations and Radiation Protection.

Three Rivers is a joint education/business partnership that works with more than 22 south suburban school districts, focusing on the future workforce by infusing business expertise into the classroom to prepare students. Those attending the event were students of Joliet Township High School.

The day's event started with a welcome from Braidwood Plant Manager Larry Coyle, who explained what Exelon is and what role Braidwood Station has in the corporation. After briefly discussing how a nuclear power plant works and answering a few questions, the students were broken into three groups and rotated through STC classrooms to learn more about specific departments.

Rich Gadbois teamed with **Ralph Wolen** and **Molly Woodard** to give the students insight into the Maintenance and Engineering departments. In another classroom, **Ray Hall** of Chemistry and **John Moser** and **Mark Jiskra** of RP discussed their respective groups. In the simulator, **Scott Butler**, **Eric Hendrix**, **Al Koch**, **George Pickar** and **Dean Yarbrough** gave a presentation on Ops.



Eric Hendrix (right) walks students through the simulator at STC.



Braidwood's Dean Yarbrough discusses a portion of the control room simulator with students from Joliet Township High School. The students, part of the Three Rivers Education Partnership, watched presentations from Braidwood's Chemistry, Engineering, Maintenance, Operating and Radiation Protection departments. The career day event highlighted the nuclear power industry and the jobs that are available in the industry.

The Braidwood employees explained what jobs are performed in each group, what kind of education or experience is needed, and what one might expect to be paid.

The overall message presented to the students was that the nuclear industry has many positions available for those who want to be challenged in skilled positions and receive good pay for their work. Braidwood personnel also highlighted the fact that many employees in the nuclear profession are expected to retire in the coming years and that job opportunities will only increase with their departure as well as the possible building of new plants.

TREP Program Manager Susette Cole said many of the students benefited from the presentation and their questions about nuclear power continued during the bus ride home and even back at school.