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We must begin assessment now

Ontario needs a bolt of energy

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Your editorial about Ontario's future energy needs raises several critical points. Energy conservation must become part of our daily lifestyle to ensure we use the energy we have as efficiently and wisely as possible.

We also need to make maximum use of renewable energy sources. But conservation and renewables alone are not enough to meet the massive amounts of power needed to fuel Ontario's hungry industrial engine.

Nuclear power is part of a necessary energy mix - safe, reliable and clean and able to provide power at rates that will keep Ontario competitive and secure. CANDU is Ontario's best option for the reliable, clean and affordable electricity we need. We must begin an **environmental assessment** (typically a 5-year process) now so the CANDU nuclear option is available when Ontario needs it.

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