

#### **USEPA**

SF<sub>6</sub> Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems

2014 Workshop on SF<sub>6</sub> Emission Reduction Strategies

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# SF6 – A Utility Perspective on Sustaining Low SF6 Gas Emission Rate







#### ✓ Exelon Utilities

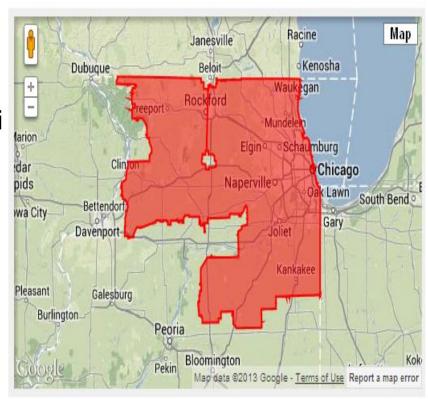
- > ComEd
- > PECO, Philadelphia Electric Co.
- > BGE, Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.



### **ComEd by the Numbers**

#### **Electrical Distribution & Transmission**

- ✓ More than 3.8 million customers
  - 70% of Illinois population
- ✓ More than 6,000 employees
- ✓ One of the largest landowners in Illinoi
  - 11,000 square miles in territory
  - 30,000 acres of ROW land
- √ 531,000 Distribution Transformers
- ✓ 1.3 Million Distribution Poles
- √ 32,000 Underground Manholes
- √ 65,000 Distribution Circuit Miles
- √ 5,700 Transmission Circuit Miles
- √ 1,000 Substations
- √ 744 SF6 Gas Equipment
- √ 120,000 lbs. of SF6 Gas





### **Three Key Elements**

- ✓ Road to Success
- √ How to Sustain Efforts
- √ Solutions to Challenges



### **Reduction Highlights**

- ✓ ISO14001 certificated since 2008
- ✓ Transmission & Substation is a significant contributor in achieving the Exelon 2020 Environmental goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Leak Rate at 10% in 2005 to a current leak rate of:
  - > 0.78% in 2014 with a target of 1%
- ✓ Annual targets and goals for SF6 reductions are set as part our Environmental Management System plan.
- ✓ SF6 reductions led the way of our Green House Gas reduction program.



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### First Phase of Leaker Replacements 765kV Bus-Tie Breaker Replaced: 2009 - 2012

Completed replacement of 12 first generation Gas Circuit Breakers

- 70% of the leaks, contained 20,450 lbs of SF6
  - Equivalent to 488,755,000 lbs. of CO2
- Emissions from 40,900 cars driven for one year







### Sustainability

ComEd T&S has enhanced its SF<sub>6</sub> management and leak reporting & repair by:

- ✓PM Program: Maintenance Template & Leak Detection
- ✓ Leak Reporting
- √SF<sub>6</sub> Handling Procedures & Training
- ✓ Employee Engagement
- ✓ Fill & Recovery Equipment
- ✓ Rigor on Cylinder Management

Strategy Enhancement of SF<sub>6</sub> Reduction

✓ Leak rates decreased each year



#### **Next Effort - Second Generation GCB**

#### 345kV, Siemens 3AT2-362, Puffer Gas CB





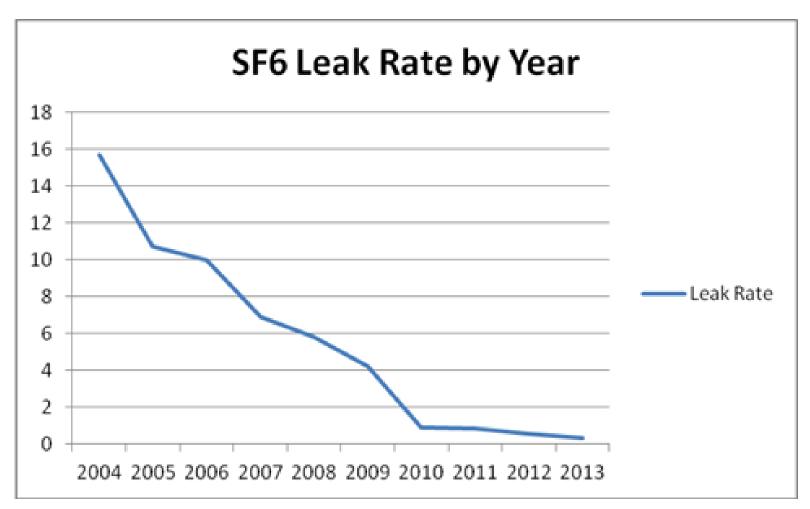


### Challenges

- ✓ Cylinder Management
- ✓ Understanding Effects from Temperature Fluctuations
- ✓ Budget Constraints
- ✓ Equipment Health Index Prioritization
- ✓ Equipment Outage Timeline



## Challenge: Leak Rate Target Expectation





### Questions





### We All Thank You!

