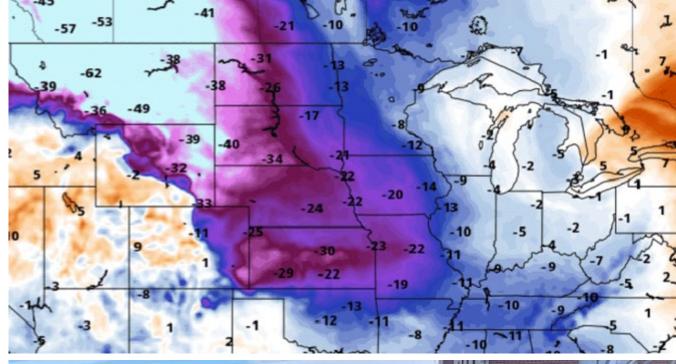


# Systems Weather Hardening – Generation Cold Weather Preparedness

January 2025

#### **Readiness Drivers**

- Extreme cold weather events increasingly impactful to electric production
- Regional drought impacting winter river levels
   & increasing risk for generators
- Stricter national and regional regulations require utilities to enhance winterization
- Massive customer growth has reduced margin between energy supply and demand locally and regionally
- Cold weather performance is a heightened priority to meet customer needs:
  - Key focus for the OPPD Board and executive leadership and managed through Enterprise Risk Management process.

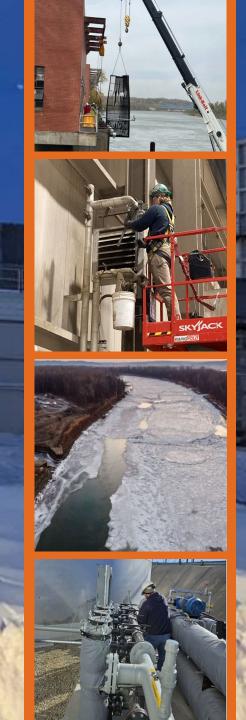




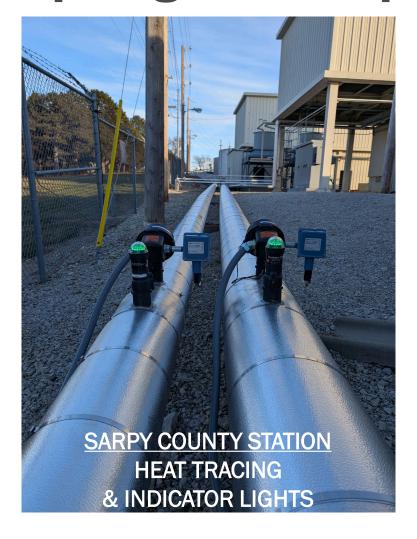


### Readiness: What we've done

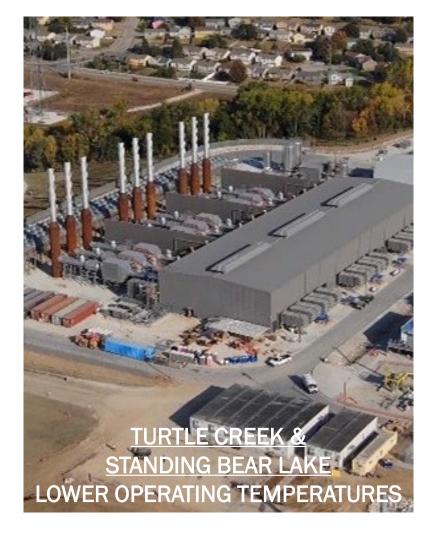
- Improved processes and procedures using lessons from winter storms Uri, Elliott and Gerri
- Invested in physical modifications to harden plants
- Met and exceeded new regulatory standards for extreme cold weather conditions
- Executed 28 preventative maintenance routines, including thousands of generating station level tasks
- Benchmarked approach with neighboring utilities; built relationships with key river stakeholders



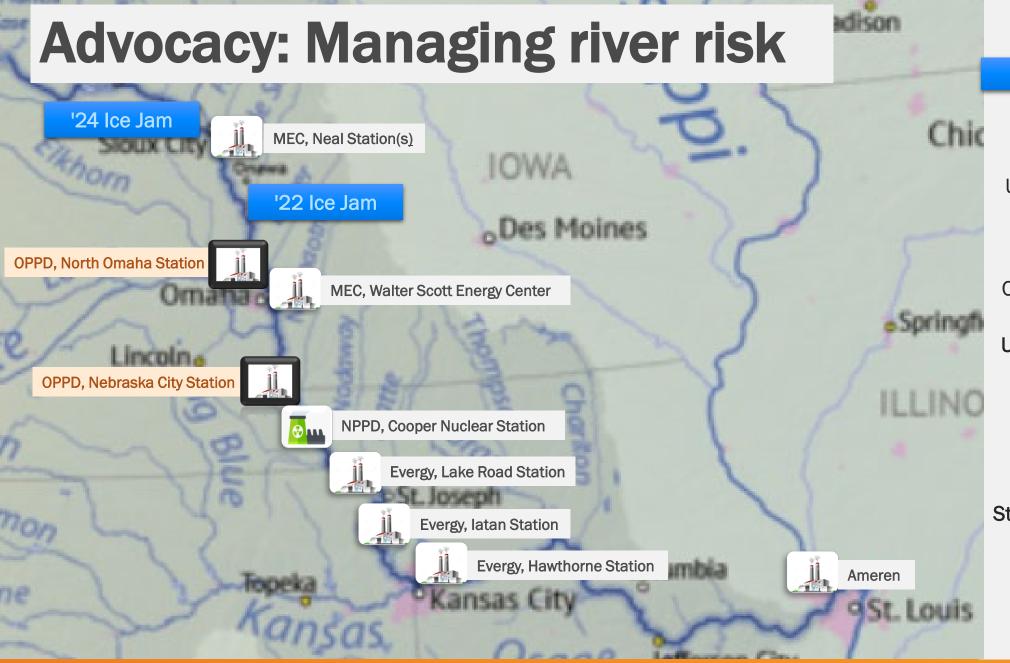
#### **Spotlight: Example Plant Improvements**











#### **MOBILIZING STAKEHOLDERS**

River Management
Stakeholders
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
National Weather Service
USSTRATCOM,
MAPA, NEMA, Papio NRD,
Coalition to Protect MO River

OPPD, MidAmerican, Evergy, NPPD, Ameron, MUD MISO & SPP

State and Federal Government
Officials

Governor's Office Federal regulators Local officials







### **Next steps**

- Continuous improvement mindset every storm presents unique challenges
- Disciplined monitoring of changing weather patterns and advocacy at local, state and national levels
- Continued evaluation of additional investments needed based on changing conditions
- New generating facilities are and will be hardened for extreme cold by design, and do not rely on river cooling
- Continuing to foster culture of collaboration within the industry



## QUESTIONS?

