

Nuclear power has strong public support.

In 2011, Bisconti Research conducted a survey of residents living in a 10-mile radius of V.C. Summer Nuclear Station. It found very favorable opinions toward nuclear energy, V.C. Summer, and construction of two new plants at the site. Here is a summary of the results:

NUCLEAR ENERGY

- 95 percent believe that nuclear energy will play an important role—67 percent believe it will play a very important role.
- 88 percent agree with renewing the license of nuclear power plants that continue to meet federal safety standards—63 percent agree strongly.
- 81 percent agree with keeping the option to build more nuclear power plants—57 percent agree strongly.
- 85 percent agree that electric utilities should prepare now so new plants could be built if needed—54 percent agree strongly.
- 78 percent agree that we should definitely build more nuclear power plants—46 percent agree strongly.
- 80 percent favor the use of nuclear energy—51 percent are strongly in favor.

V.C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION

- 91 percent have a favorable impression of the plant and how it has operated recently.
- 77 percent believe that the majority of people in the community have a favorable impression of the plant.
- 87 percent recognize the plant's contribution to the local economy and jobs.

SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 86 percent rated the plant's safety high.
- 88 percent expressed confidence in the company's ability to operate a nuclear power plant safely
- 79 percent expressed confidence that the company has prepared the plant to withstand the most severe natural events that may occur in the region.
- 85 percent agreed the company is doing a good job of protecting the environment.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

- 79 percent feel very or somewhat well informed about the nearby plant.
- 77 percent agree that the company that operates the plant is involved in the community.
- 76 percent feel very or somewhat well informed about what to do in case of an emergency at the plant.