

2003 Outstanding Contribution Award – Dr. Kenneth J. Petrunik

Ken Petrunik graduated in chemical engineering at the University of Windsor. Following jobs at Ontario Hydro, Imperial Oil and Gulf Oil, he joined AECL in 1974 and worked in design, design management, construction management, business planning, and marketing. Ken served as AECL's senior manager in offshore CANDU projects in Argentina, Romania, Korea and China, becoming Vice President for Off-Shore Projects in 1990. In this position he provided outstanding leadership to overcome difficult challenges and achieve successful project completion. He is currently Vice President of the Projects Business Unit.

Ken has an impressive track record in setting up projects and bringing them to a successful conclusion. He does this by careful planning and building effective working relationships with key partners and contractors, both Canadian and international. The selection of project staff and the creation of a strong, capable and effective project team is one of his strengths. The exceptional success of the Qinshan Team in completing its project ahead of schedule and under budget is largely due to Ken Petrunik's leadership. Ken has continually ensured the effective performance of AECL and enhanced the international reputation of CANDU.