



Our History

In November 1965 the Great Northeastern Blackout left 30 million people in the United States without electricity, starkly demonstrating the nation's growing dependence on electricity and vulnerability to its loss. It marked a watershed for the industry and triggered the creation of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Although power was largely restored within 12 hours, the ripple effects of public and political scrutiny continued for years. Some in the U.S. Congress were troubled by the nation's dependence on a fragmented industry for which there was no unified planning. How could thousands of utilities be physically integrated and relied upon to operate as a unified system?

Dr. Chauncey Starr, who served a critical management role in the Manhattan Project, and who was an innovator of commercial nuclear technology and risk management, answered the call by Congress to create an independent research and development organization to support the electricity industry and address major issues. Since its beginnings in 1972, the Electric Power Research Institute's membership has grown to represent approximately 90% of the electricity generated in the United States and extends to more than 30 countries internationally.

Much has changed in the electricity industry with advances in such technologies as renewable energy, environmental controls, and the smart grid. The opportunities for innovation and the challenges facing utilities are more diverse than ever. But our commitment to objectivity without advocacy remains unchanged, and the need continues for technological innovation, thought leadership and technical expertise. Our research portfolio addresses a range of issues that change with the times and the technology, even as the underlying expectations remain constant for electricity that is affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible.



Welcome to EPRI's Charlotte Re...



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Our Business

The Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. conducts research and development relating to the generation, delivery and use of electricity for the benefit of the public. An independent, nonprofit organization, we bring together scientists and engineers as well as experts from academia and the industry to help address challenges in electricity.

Our research provides both short- and long-term solutions that enable the transformation of power systems to be more flexible, resilient and connected. Our ultimate goal is to provide society with safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible electricity.



For more information, read our short [“Introducing EPRI” sheet](#) or view our detailed [2017 Research Portfolio](#).

Our Value

- **Thought Leadership**—thinking ahead to identify issues, technology gaps, and broader needs that can be addressed by effective research, development, and demonstration programs.
- **Industry Expertise**—providing expertise across all major technical disciplines and from every stage of electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and end use.
- **Collaborative Value**—bringing together our members and diverse scientific and technical communities to shape and drive research and development in the electricity sector.

Supplier Code of Conduct

As a non-profit scientific research organization, EPRI is committed to our core values which include integrity, objectivity, and public benefit. We aspire to interact and transact with honesty, transparency, fairness, and respect. Every action we take must be conducted ethically and beyond reproach. We conduct every aspect of our business free from favoritism, self-interest, and aim to avoid bias in judgment. Our actions and decisions demonstrate corporate responsibility which ultimately benefits society. This Supplier Code of Conduct expresses the expectations we hold for our vendors, contractors, and suppliers, and mirrors the standards we set for our own employees and other business associates. Thank you for your shared commitment to meeting these principles.

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