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Nuclear plants backed in poll

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More than 40 per cent of Ontario residents believe the province should have more nuclear power plants, not fewer, according to an SES Research survey.

The survey, completed Sept. 19, coincides with growing interest by the Liberal government in building new nuclear plants.

In the survey of 504 people, 41 per cent supported more nuclear power for the province's future energy need, while 27 per cent said the current level is fine and 23 per cent agreed Ontario should use less nuclear power. Nine per cent had no opinion.

The margin of error is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of

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Ontario's shortage of electricity made headlines many times during the hot humid summer, especially when there were threats of rolling blackouts.

Even so, environmentalists have come out strongly against resorting to more nuclear energy.

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