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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.,
Toronto and Peterborough Facilities**

**BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.,
installations de Toronto et Peterborough**

Application for the renewal of the licence for
Toronto and Peterborough facilities

Demande de renouvellement du permis pour les
installations de Toronto et Peterborough

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Written intervention submission by Dora Juhasz

In the Matter of CNSC for the Uranium Fuel Cycle and Processing Facilities, BWXT, licence renewal, at 1025 Lansdowne Ave, Toronto, Ontario.

January 27, 2020

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dora Juhasz, and I have lived in the Dupont/Lansdowne area since 2014. I live 140 metres away from BWXT Lansdowne facility. I have only known of BWXT's existence for 3 months. The happenstance way I found out about its existence was through a friend on Facebook. It took 6 years for me to find out. Apparently, it's Toronto's best kept secret. Toronto, one of the most liveable cities?? In this neighbourhood, not a chance. I am shocked, but not so shocked, that BWXT, formerly GE Hitachi, would try to keep a low profile. When I first saw the factory, I thought they make lightbulbs or stoves.....imagine my horror when I found out the truth. The company never communicated their existence to me **EVER**. "Good neighbour"????? Maybe if they made ice cream or saved kittens...but not so.

The lack of community consultation and awareness is a joke. It makes me sick to think that we're all living in these circumstances, this "wait and see" mentality. Why do we have to wait until there is some terrible accident to act? Why are we ignored and unseen? Why do we have to live day-to-day, wondering and worrying about our health and safety? Just because this is a former industrial area that has already seen it's share of toxic pollution, are we left here to fend for ourselves? The political representatives of these surrounding neighbourhoods seem to shrug off their responsibility and use the line: *this is federal jurisdiction*. In other words, "Get lost, you're on your own."

What the hell is a nuclear uranium factory doing in the middle of a dense Toronto residential neighbourhood anyway? Don't we have zoning laws? Or I guess because this is "federal jurisdiction", those rules don't apply to this company. People need to be informed and have the right to know what that company does, not just the immediate area, but the entire city of Toronto. I feel it is completely inappropriate to have such a factory directly across the street from townhouses, condos, schools and apartment buildings. This is an urban, residential neighbourhood. Who, in their right mind, would approve of such a business in an urban, residential community, directly beside an equally dangerous railroad track??

Back in the 1950s, this may have been an industrial neighbourhood. It is now 2020. The neighbourhood is not industrial any longer. It escapes my mind how any other intelligent person would think it a "sound decision" to allow any type of dangerous, unnatural, poisonous, uranium processing in the heart of a highly populated city, or that transporting these same dangerous and unnatural substances over long distances of dense community streets was an acceptable risk. If this type of uranium processing facility was proposed to be built in a new residential neighbourhood, do

you think the local community would allow it? HELL NO! So why does this existing facility seem to slip through all the cracks in our system and be allowed to continue its dirty operations???

I like to make informed decisions on the food I eat, the clothes I wear and how I live my life. I shop local, I recycle, and try to consume less and have become more aware of my use of plastics. The climate is in crisis, the science is absolute on this. We are on the precipice of the tipping point of an environmental catastrophe. How does nuclear energy benefit the climate and our future? From what I know, nuclear energy is expensive, inefficient, dirty and dangerous. Shouldn't we as Canadians be more forward-thinking; shouldn't we be the trailblazers when it comes to renewable energy? The world is trying to go green, and Ontario is stuck in the dark ages. I guess Ontario leaders haven't learned anything new when it comes to renewable energy.

I would also like to know what type of Emergency Preparedness plans BWXT has in place for when one of their vehicles is involved in an accident, and of course, closer to home, I would like to demand to know what are the emergency plans they have to keep me, my family, and my fellow community members safe in the event there is an accident at 1025 Lansdowne.

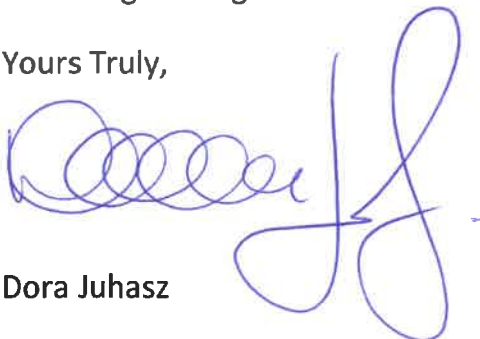
I also strongly object to having such a company, BWXT, operate in our community, and the world at large, that directly supplies and manufactures **nuclear weaponry**. As Canadians, we should feel ashamed of ourselves for supporting such a business in our community. I guess corporate greed and your fat paycheques are all that matter today.

I demand that BWXT stop operating in Toronto. No amount of radiation, contaminated air, water and soil are worth the risks. Authorities cannot be trusted to protect us from the adverse affects. Accidents happen. Why do we have to have more accidents happen, like faulty welds, incorrect filters, flooding that released 50 drums of contaminated water, or violations of mishandling enriched uranium....or much worse, **to do the right thing**? Everyone involved in keeping this facility operational is PLAYING WITH FIRE.

People in this area are inhaling & ingesting uranium particles that emit alpha radiation. There is no safe dose of this type of radiation. I am angry that the CNSC is allowing us to be directly poisoned by BWXT.

This land needs to heal. BWXT, get out of here, we don't want you. CNSC, in your good conscience, do the right thing. Please do not renew the licence for BWXT.

Yours Truly,



Dora Juhasz