



Oral Presentation

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**Written submission from
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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

Commission Public Hearing

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I do not support the application, for three main reasons

1. Recent discovery of rising Beryllium levels in the soil of the adjacent Prince of Wales public school. The trend is unmistakable. Even though the contaminant levels have not hit the safety threshold, they are clearly headed that direction. Beryllium got into the soil via air deposition - and this is cause for alarm, as this is a dangerous human health pathway. In my view, we should not be trusting BWXT to "take care" of safety when there is an currently unresolved/outstanding example of insufficient pollution abatement. This is a significant issue in terms of question of trust.
2. I acknowledge that there are two opposing views of the safety of pelleting to human health. I respect that the commission tries to get to the heart of this. But safe or not, I do not believe BWXT has any social licence to proceed. There is CONSIDERABLE concern about placing a nuclear facility in a neighborhood and right next to a school. BWXT gets all the financial benefits while the neighborhood takes on the worry, the risks, and the decline in property values.
3. This facility would never be granted the zoning to proceed with pelleting if it were to apply to the municipality now. The only reason they are able to even apply is because their current operation is grandfathered in. In my view, this is MUCH too significant an operation/undertaking/proposal to grandfather. I don't have a problem with nuclear energy, or pelleting in general. But it should not be happening in the middle of a city. If BWXT does not want to do it in Toronto, then they should find a rural place where potential impacts on air, water, soil, human safety, human mental health and property value are minimal. If one steps back from all this this and considers the larger setting/issue ... it is a rather preposterous proposal.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

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