



Oral Presentation

Submission from the Bruce County

In the Matter of the

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Douglas Point Waste Facility

Application to amend the waste facility
decommissioning licence for the Douglas
Point Waste Facility

Commission Public Hearing

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Exposé oral

Mémoire du Comté de Bruce

À l'égard de

Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens, installation de gestion des déchets de Douglas Point

Demande de modification du permis de
déclassement de l'installation de gestion des
déchets de Douglas Point

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RE: Amendment of the Douglas Point Waste Facility Decommissioning Licence

I am writing on behalf of Bruce County with regards to the application by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to amend Douglas Point's waste facility licence to proceed with final decommissioning (Phase 3), which would include the active dismantling and demolition of all remaining facilities.

We acknowledge that this next phase will result in the complete removal of the Douglas Point site over the next 50 years. This is planned to occur in five work envelopes (i.e. 1) Non-nuclear buildings, 2) Nuclear buildings, 3) Reactor building clear-out, 4) Spent fuel canister area; and, 5) Reactor building decommissioning). We further acknowledge that each of the five work envelopes requires regulatory approval before any decommissioning work associated with a particular phase begins; and, that additional detailed decommissioning plans and environmental reviews will be required. These additional requirements will involve public and Indigenous engagement and participation in the regulatory decision process.

The nuclear industry plays an important role in Bruce County and Douglas Point holds significance as not only the first commercial nuclear plant in the region, but also in Canada. Bruce County is pleased to write this letter in support of CNL's decommissioning licence amendment for the Douglas Point waste facility and wholeheartedly supports this application. It has been Bruce County's longstanding position that the Douglas Point site should be decommissioned as quickly as possible without compromising the safety of people or the environment. CNL is a valued and environmentally responsible corporate citizen in Bruce County. We are satisfied that their operations are consistent with our position and remain at the high standards set by their predecessor, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL), since they assumed operations in 2015. We also recognize CNL's commitment to listening to the public, local governments and Indigenous Peoples and incorporating feedback from our communities to ensure for the responsible, safe decommissioning of the Douglas Point facility.

In closing, on behalf of Bruce County Council, I am expressing our continued support for CNL's amendment to Douglas Point's waste facility licence to proceed with Phase 3 - final decommissioning.

Sincerely,

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