



**Written submission from the  
Métis Nation of Ontario**

**Mémoire de la  
Nation métisse de l'Ontario**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

**Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)**

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**Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens (LNC)**

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Application from the CNL to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site licence to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility

Demande des LNC visant à modifier le permis du site des Laboratoires de Chalk River pour autoriser la construction d'une installation de gestion des déchets près de la surface

**Commission Public Hearing  
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission  
Partie 2**

**May and June 2022**

**Mai et juin 2022**



**Métis Nation of Ontario**  
Lands, Resources and Consultations

06 April 2022

Nicole Frigault  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater Street, P.O. Box 1046, Station B  
Ottawa, ON, K1P 5S9

**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Dear Nicole Frigault:

**Re: Near Surface Disposal Facility Hearing Intervention**

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) would like to thank the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) for providing the MNO with the opportunity to provide written comment on Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) to be located on the Chalk River Laboratories Site. On behalf of the MNO as represented by the Mattawa / Lake Nipissing Traditional Territory Consultation Committee which represent the rights bearing MNO Citizens in the location of the CNL's proposed NSDF project (the Project), please accept the following comments.

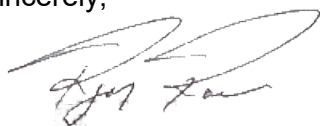
The Métis Nation has Aboriginal rights in the lands, waters and natural resources within the area where the Cultural Heritage Resources noted above are located. The rights are held as collective rights, by the regional rights-bearing Métis community, as represented by the MNO. As you know, the Métis are one of three distinct Aboriginal peoples in Canada, whose rights, interests and way of life are constitutionally protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Accordingly, the Crown has the duty to consult with the Métis before making a decision, taking an action or issuing an approval that could impact the rights, interests or way of life of the Métis community.

The Project has the potential to negatively impact Métis citizens who use the traditional territory in the vicinity of the proposed location. To ensure the impacts are mitigated and where appropriate accommodated, the MNO has been working with CNL and the CNSC. While some of the MNO's original concerns with the Project have been addressed, the MNO continues to work with CNL to address some significant remaining concerns through the signing of a long term relationship agreement. While the MNO and CNL have made progress towards the development of a mutually acceptable agreement, to date no agreement has been signed. The MNO looks forward to finalizing the agreement to confirm the continued communication about the project, mutual respect and understanding between the local Métis community and CNL.

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The MNO looks forward to continue working with the CNSC in its consideration of the proposed Project and any regulated activities that arise from it. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact Jesse Fieldwebster via email at [jessef@metisnation.org](mailto:jessef@metisnation.org) or by telephone at (705) 529-6000.

Sincerely,



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