



**Written submission from the
Municipality of Clarington**

**Mémoire de la
Municipalité de Clarington**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)

Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens (LNC)

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**

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Partie 2**

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Clarington

Mayor Adrian Foster

March 28, 2022

Senior Tribunal Officer, Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street P.O. Box 1046, Station B
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Subject: Letter of Support Re: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site licence to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility IAA Reference Number: 80122

Dear Secretariat:

On behalf of the Municipality of Clarington, I submit this letter of support for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' (CNL) proposal to construct a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at Chalk River Laboratories.

Clarington is one of eight municipalities located within the Region of Durham. With a growing population of 105,000 residents, Clarington offers a blend of city living, natural features, and rural charm. The municipality forms the eastern boundary of the Greater Toronto Area and includes four urban areas, thirteen hamlets, and Greenbelt protected farmlands, bluffs and trails alongside our cherished Lake Ontario.

The municipality includes the small hamlet of Port Granby, located on the shore of Lake Ontario. For more than half a century, the hamlet was home to a lakeshore site where many tonnes of low-level radioactive waste and other discarded materials were deposited by the former Eldorado Nuclear.

As part of the Port Hope Area Initiative cleanup, CNL has now completed the removal of waste from the lakeshore site, this included the removal of over 1 million tonnes of waste away from the lake and into an engineered containment facility. As signatory to the 2001 Port Hope Area Initiative Legal Agreement, the Municipality of Clarington has been closely involved in this cleanup effort since its inception.

Our municipal staff and peer review team have worked closely with CNL since the Environmental Assessment stage of the project. It is apparent that the highest standards for safety and environmental protection have been adhered to by CNL while delivering the project in Port Granby. It has also been reported to me that CNL has taken every reasonable action to minimize disturbance to the community, address resident concerns as they arise, and has been open and transparent with the public about their activities.

As a member of Clarington Council during this period, I can attest to the intensive study and rigour involved in the Environmental Assessment and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licencing process that took place before the project was approved in 2011. The stringent requirements for public safety ensured that the Port Granby Project could proceed without creating adverse impacts on the community. Now that this project has been completed, the environmental benefit is clear. Lake Ontario is now better protected and the monitoring data provided to municipal staff confirms that there are no lasting impacts to the surrounding lands.

I commend CNL for their work in the community to provide local employment and business opportunities. CNL has worked closely with our local Board of Trade and Economic development and millions of dollars in sub-contracts, supplies and services have been generated as a result of the project.

The municipality has been engaged by CNL on its plans to build a Near Surface Disposal Facility at the Chalk River Laboratories. The proposed facility is similar in design to the Port Granby facility and it represents a proven, long-term solution to the problem of low-level radioactive waste in Canada. As stewards of this land, it is incumbent on the Government of Canada to address nuclear waste in a safe and responsible manner and not leave this issue for future generations to deal with. With the NSDF, it is clear that CNL is continuing to address these waste liabilities for the benefit of our communities.

I submit this letter of support for CNL's NSDF project.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to intervene in this matter,

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