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Written submission from the Ottawa Raging Grannies

Mémoire des Ottawa Raging Grannies

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**

**Audience publique de la Commission
Partie 2**

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The Ottawa Raging Grannies have been following the arguments about the nuclear dump at Chalk River for several years, starting in 2017. We are alarmed by many aspects of this plan. We have participated in the red canoe protests and flotillas along the Ottawa River, a "[nuclear tea party](#)", and recently in support of a motion at [Ottawa City Environmental Committee](#) to oppose the dump. While not opposing the project, the committee did propose a number of safeguards.

We take every opportunity to speak out against this dump. It is to be huge, over 70 hockey rinks wide and 7 stories high, wrapped in a membrane that is supposed to avoid nuclear leaks. It is only 1.2 km. from the Ottawa River on high ground, with ground water drainage going into it.

There is inadequate oversight, particularly for the long-term. Recommendations to keep a careful long-term log of what is stored where are not part of the plan. We are also concerned about turning this function over to the private sector. We know that their bottom line is concern number one, not the public good.

Most of the excellent recommendations of the pre-report hearings have been ignored. Finding ways to safely deposit nuclear waste should be the government's responsibility. And it is a major safety problem, going into the far, far future. Consequences of what is decided now may not be apparent for many years. What then?

The Ottawa Raging Grannies