



**Final submission from the
Nuclear Waste Management
Organization**

**Mémoire définitif de la
Société de gestion des déchets
nucléaires**

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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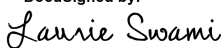
Dear Registrar:

Please find attached the NWMO's response to the March 23, 2023 Revised Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Guidance for Final Submissions regarding Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' (CNL) application to authorize the construction of a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF). Previously, the NWMO outlined its support for CNL's application to construct an NSDF (CMD 22-H7.81). This letter reiterates that support.

During the public hearing in June, 2022, the NWMO's Vice President and Chief Engineer, Chris Boyle provided an overview of the NWMO and outlined the NWMO's support for the NSDF project. In his presentation, Mr. Boyle discussed the importance and urgency for Canada to do something now and not leave the nuclear waste legacy as a burden for future generations. A decision on the NSDF project is needed to allow CNL to begin preparations for enhanced safe low-level waste management at the Chalk River site as soon as possible.

During the review of the supplementary submissions filed by CNL (CMD 22-H7.1E), as well as those from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation (CMD 22-H7.113B) and Kebaowek First Nation (CMD 22-H7.111C), the NWMO recognizes that relationships are being built and that CNL is committed to "establishing and maintaining relationships and meaningfully engaging with Indigenous peoples." Building those relationships will take time and commitment by CNL and the Algonquin peoples. The NWMO looks forward to the Commission's thoughtful decision as it will both help strengthen relationships and provide a path forward for the low-level nuclear waste.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide further comments in this matter,

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