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Written submission from the Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council Mémoire du Conseil canadien des travailleurs du nucléaire

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation Inc. -Darlington Waste Management Facility Ontario Power Generation Inc. - Installation de gestion des déchets de Darlington

Application to Renew the Class IB Waste Facility Operating Licence for Ontario Power Generation in Darlington, Ontario

Demande de renouvellement du permis d'installation de déchets de catégorie IB pour Ontario Power Generation à Darlington (Ontario)

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## Reference 2023-H9

<u>Application from Ontario Power Generation to renew the Class 1B Waste Facility</u>

<u>Operating Licence for the Darlington Waste Management Facility, WFOL W4-355.01/2023.</u>

Dear President Velshi and Members of the Commission,

Please accept this letter as the written submission from the Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council (CNWC) for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) public hearing scheduled for January 25-26, 2023 regarding the application from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to renew the Class IB Waste Facility Operating Licence for the Darlington Waste Management Facility (WFOL W4-355.01/2023).

The CNWC was formed in 1993 as an association of Unions representing Workers across Canada's nuclear industry.

The Power Workers' Union (PWU) and the Society of United Professionals (the Society) represent the Workers at the Darlington Waste Management Facility. The PWU, the Society and the Durham Region Labour Council are Members of the CNWC.

Maintaining the highest standards of occupational health and safety is paramount for the CNWC and all of our Member Unions. We believe that safe workplaces result in safer

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communities. Nuclear Workers live, work and play in the local communities along with their families and friends.

OPG has applied to renew the WFOL for a period of 10 years. In preparation for this submission we reviewed the submissions from OPG (CMD 23-H9.1) and CNSC Staff (CMD 23-H9).

In reviewing OPG's submission we note that OPG has a history of safe operations at the Darlington Waste Management Facility and a healthy safety culture. OPG's programs to protect the environment and the health and safety of people have proven to be effective.

We believe that CNSC Staff reached the appropriate findings and conclusions, specifically:

- OPG's performance during the term of the current licence has been satisfactory and consistently met regulatory requirements.
- OPG is qualified to carry out the activities authorized by the licence and in carrying out those activities will make adequate provisions for the protection of the environment and health and safety of people.

We support CNSC Staff's recommendation that the waste facility operating licence be renewed for a period of 10 years.

OPG has a proven history of operating the Darlington Waste Management Facility safely. The CNWC fully supports OPG's application and CNSC Staff's recommendation that the Commission issue the proposed licence renewal.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate. Strong regulatory oversight helps maintain the high level of health and safety in our workplaces and our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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