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Written submission from We the Nuclear Free North

Mémoire de We the Nuclear Free North

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)

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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WE THE NUCLEAR FREE NORTH



December 5, 2022

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater St Ottawa ON K1P 5S9

Ref. 2023-H-09

Dear CNSC,

We are writing to express our opposition to the Darlington Waste Management Facility's proposed name change to "Nuclear Sustainability Services - Darlington."

We the Nuclear Free North is an alliance of people and groups opposing a Deep Geological Repository for nuclear waste in Northern Ontario. We oppose the transport, burial and abandonment of this radioactive waste in our northern watersheds. We seek to engage the public in a discussion of the risks of such a repository. We demand transparency from agencies responsible for the production and management of such wastes.

Our organization strongly opposes this proposed name change, and regard it as an attempt by OPG to greenwash their role as a generator and manager of nuclear waste. The name should be descriptive, and not leveraged as a public relations exercise. Nuclear waste is managed there, and nuclear waste is not "sustainable." The name change would also hinder people in seeking information about the facility, its purpose, and what takes place there.

In short, this obfuscation of the actual nature of the facility, via the proposed name change, would not serve the public interest - which the CNSC is pledged to protect.

Please do not allow OPG to engage in this obfuscation within CNSC's area of jurisdiction.

Regards,

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- on behalf of We the Nuclear Free North