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# Canadian Nuclear Workers Council (CNWC)



Who We Are

The CNWC was Formed in 1993 as a Council of Unions representing Workers employed in all aspects of Canada's Nuclear Industry.

- Uranium mines and mills,
- Nuclear fuel manufacturing,
- Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) operation and maintenance,
- NPP development and deployment including engineering, construction, refurbishment and decommissioning.
- Medical isotope production,
- Nuclear research and development, and
- Nuclear waste handling management.

District Labour Councils in a number of Nuclear Host Communities are also CNWC Affiliates.

#### **CNWC Goals**



#### Goals of the CNWC:

- ensure the perspectives of Canada's Nuclear Workforce are heard,
- strengthen the collective role of Nuclear Workers via their Unions as partners in Canada's Nuclear Industries,
- enhance public knowledge about the many benefits of Canada's nuclear industry,
- ensure dialogue is based on facts, and
- share information.

The CNWC is a frequent participant in the regulatory process.

#### **CNWC** Activities



We undertake a number of activities to accomplish our goals, including an annual conference that rotates amongst the various communities hosting Canada's nuclear facilities.

 Our 2023 conference was held at the Darlington Nuclear Information Centre. Conference Attendees had an opportunity to tour the Darlington Site including the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

# **CNWC** Affiliates at the Darlington Site



The Women and Men employed at Darlington are represented by the Power Workers' Union, the Society of United Professionals and Member Unions of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario (Ontario Building Trades).

Those Unions, as well as the Durham Region Labour Council, are all CNWC Affiliates. Some of them have submitted interventions for this hearing.

# **CNWC** – Our Priority



Workplace health and safety is paramount.

When our workplaces are safe it's better for the environment and safe workplaces result in safer communities.

The people employed at Darlington live and play in the surrounding communities along with their friends and families.

Nuclear Workers are highly skilled professionals and take their responsibilities seriously.

Nothing is more important.

#### **OPG's Application to Renew the Darlington PROL**

The CNWC is in full support of OPG's application for renewal of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence.

OPG has systems in place for the management of all Safety and Control Areas (SCAs).

Those systems are proven and effective, resulting in workplaces with standards of occupational health and safety that are second to none.

The Unions at OPG's nuclear facilities have developed mature and effective working relationships with OPG.

The Darlington NPP has a strong record of safe operations with world class operating performance We fully expect this high level of performance to continue.

#### **CNSC Staff's Assessment of OPG's Application**



We are in full support of CNSC Staff's assessment of OPG's application as well as their conclusions.

- OPG has demonstrated stable safety performance during the current licensing period.
- OPG is qualified to carry out the activities authorized by the licence.
- In carrying out those activities, OPG will make adequate provision for the protection of the environment and the health and safety of people.

We are also in full support of CNSC Staff's recommendation that the Commission renew the DNGS PROL.

#### **Concluding Remarks**



#### The Darlington NGS will:

- Continue generating clean and reliable electricity for Ontario.
- Benefit the environment
- Benefit the local economy.
- Provide high quality local employment opportunities.

OPG is a responsible community partner.

DNGS is recognized for its excellent operational performance with standards of occupational health and safety that are second to none.

We fully expect this high level of performance to continue.

# **Conclusion and Thank-you**



The CNWC is in full support of OPG's application and respectfully recommends the Commission renew the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence.

Thank-you to the Commission, CNSC Staff and everyone participating in this process.

A transparent public process and strong regulatory oversight help maintain the high standards of health and safety that we see in our workplaces and in our communities.