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for Canadian Nuclear Power
Generating Sites for 2023**

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réglementaire des sites
nucléaires pour 2023**

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Commission Registry /Senior Tribunal Officer,

My name is Bill Boutin. I am a resident of Maces Bay, a community very close to the Point Lepreau station. I have lived in the area for eight years.

My written intervention is to provide my thoughts on the Point Lepreau station as you consider the regulatory oversight report for 2023. For many years, I have enjoyed being involved with my community, as a member of groups like the Fundy Bay Seniors Club, and in volunteer roles such as the local fire and emergency response services. These activities have allowed me to get to know many residents in our area.

In addition, I am a member of the Warden Service whose responsibility is an area adjacent to the Point Lepreau station. The Warden Service is a group of volunteers who are trained and equipped to support and aid police and other services in emergency preparedness planning and response.

The Wardens' tasks include distribution of emergency preparedness information and potassium iodide (KI) pills, conducting demographic safety surveys and, in the event of an emergency, aiding with evacuation, staffing check points and maintaining effective communications.

Over the years, I've discussed the plant with many residents in our community. I have never heard any concerns regarding the Point Lepreau station. Furthermore, it is not uncommon to hear a newcomer to the community tell me that their neighbours have already assured them the station is safe, even before I come to visit them in my role as Warden.

I believe this goodwill is a product of the excellent communication that is happening between New Brunswick Power and our local community. The station representatives have earned this trust through their commitment to keeping the community informed through newsletters, information sessions and safety presentations. I've seen first-hand the willingness of staff to share timely information and maintain open lines of communication, especially if a question or concern is raised.

In my roles as Warden and a local firefighter, I have had the opportunity to learn a lot about nuclear energy and the station, and to meet many station staff. They have continually impressed me with their commitment to safety in all aspects of operations. Through these interactions and my discussions with our local residents, I believe the station remains a low concern. In fact, the station and its staff are held in high regard and are seen as an asset to our community.

In conclusion, I continue to support the operation of the Station. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.



Bill Boutin