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**Written Submission from
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In the matter of

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation

Application to renew the Class IB nuclear fuel facility operating licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility for a period of 20 years

Cameco Corporation

Demande visant à renouveler, pour une période de 20 ans, le permis d'exploitation d'une installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour l'installation de conversion de Port Hope

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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To the President & CNSC Board Members

I would like to submit a topic for consideration in regards to the Cameco Co. fuel refinery in Port Hope, Ont. license hearing.

First off I am a retired nuclear plant trades manager from OPG. I served my whole career of 32 years at Pickering NGS in operations.

Port Hope is my retirement residence for the last 21 years.

I am a little familiar with the Cameco plant as I briefly worked there in 1973 when it was Eldorado Nuclear. It has grown and changed since my time there.

To cut to the chase so to speak I do have concerns with the present plants operation, layout and location.

If the plant was not there and one were proposed to be built where it sits no one would allow it. It is in the middle of the waterfront and town core.

This of course has actually blocked any meaningful development at the waterfront.

Unfortunately as well if there was a severe incident at the plant in a worse scenario it would be serious for the whole town. Not to mention the employees at the plant.

The commission is familiar with running a plant with only essential workers. All engineering, administrative, training and ware housing staff would be offsite in properly zoned areas of the town.

If there is a very serious accident or event off site Engineering can assist first responders in securing the area and human life.

These methods have been adopted all over the world as a best practise.

Another benefit of this practice is site security is much more focused on a smaller site and less people. This is very important these days for a uranium refinery

Downsizing the number of on site buildings is also important. Only have what is needed. There are buildings on site there that are 110 years old ! Others are also close to that age.

Thank you for your time.

Doug Smith

Port Hope Resident.