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## **Oral presentation**

### **Submission from Esprit Whitewater**

In the Matter of the

#### **Canadian Nuclear Laboratories**

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Application for the renewal of the Nuclear  
Research and Test Establishment Operating  
Licence for the Chalk River Laboratories

#### **Commission Public Hearing**

**January 23-25, 2018**

## **Exposé oral**

### **Mémoire de Esprit Whitewater**

À l'égard des

#### **Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens**

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Demande de renouvellement du permis  
d'exploitation d'établissement de recherche  
et d'essais nucléaires pour les Laboratoires  
de Chalk River

#### **Audience publique de la Commission**

**23-25 janvier 2018**



**From:** [Jim Coffey](#)  
**To:** [Interventions \(CNSC/CCSN\)](#)  
**Subject:** Request to make Oral Presentation regarding New Licensing and Regulation  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to officially submit my desire to make an **Oral Presentation on Jan. 24/25 2018**, regarding my concern of the proposed changes to the CNL Site Licensing Renewal. Professionally, I am a stakeholder in the local tourism industry. Our region's premier adventure tourism resource is the Ottawa River of which my business is founded. Personally, I am a resident of Pontiac County Quebec. My home is less than 100km downstream of the Chalk River site. My family's drinking water comes directly from the Ottawa River. I am gravely concerned about the impact the Nuclear Industry has had past, present and future on the Ottawa River.

I believe that while their remains;

Unresolved issues surrounding "Legacy Waste" at the Chalk River location  
Rumoured contaminations at the site that could threaten the water quality in the Ottawa River Watershed  
Grandiose and ambitious plans for new nuclear developments at the Chalk River site  
That the International Consortium requesting/benefitting from relaxed Licensing/Regulatory procedures includes SNC-Lavalin (who currently face numerous charges about there operational integrity)

It seems both strange and unthinkable to be relaxing Licensing and Regulatory procedures at this time. In fact, I believe that the vagueness of the proposed changes seem not only to be imprudent but both reckless and dangerous.

I believe that the CNSC must exhibit sufficient regulation to reflect the growing public concern over the long-term management of radioactive and other toxic waste products, including a set of requirements designed to keep dangerous waste materials as far away as possible from the Ottawa River. The CNSC must vigilently ensure that such wastes are packaged and routinely monitored so that leaks are readily detected and repairs can be expeditiously made for centuries to come.

From the point of of an outsider of the nuclear industry it makes no sense to be loosening Licensing and Regulatory regulation at a time where, in fact, they should be tightening them.

Sincerely

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