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**Submission from
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In the Matter of the

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

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

Commission Public Hearing

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Exposé oral

**Mémoire de
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À l'égard des

Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

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d'exploitation d'établissement de recherche
et d'essais nucléaires pour les Laboratoires
de Chalk River

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Gooday Louise Levert,

I am writing to you today to express my sincere desire to intervene within the January 24th-25th, 2018 hearing in Pembroke to address the application for the renewal of Chalk River Laboratories' operating licence by Making an Oral Presentation.

I know enough about Chalk River Laboratories to carry a healthy concern for the risks this system poses to the immediate and long-term health of the waters, lands, and people (especially children and elderly folks) of this Ottawa River Valley.

Common wisdom illuminates that accidents within nuclear facilities, including Chalk River Laboratories, do happen, and when they do, the repercussions are serious. Ground waters underneath this plant, which eventually feed into the Ottawa River, have already been contaminated. Relaxing licensing requirements and safety protocols is simply unwise, foolish. It is only proper that the waste which has already been created be properly tended to before this facility is issued a renewal. Short of this, how can we have faith in their ability to operate with integrity? We need a clear, committed, and transparent waste management program, in conjunction with the closure of this system. In this global reality of sustainable, clean energy, Chalk River Laboratories has become outdated. We would be wise to follow suit of modern innovations and examples worldwide of successfully implemented and operating, safe, renewable, and affordable energy generation. We would be wise to wind down operations carefully, patiently, employing proper labelling, packaging, and disposal of the waste already made, so that this facility can leave a legacy of integrity, rather than embarrassment and harm in the event of more environmental contaminations. It is clear that neither time nor money can make Chalk River Laboratories a viable system, as both have already been given in great measure. We can begin now to change.

We are relying on you as the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to act in the best interest of the health of we the people, and all beings who make these lands and waters home. This is your responsibility.

Would that we will proceed in a way which upholds Life, Health, and Respect for this place, our home.
Thank you for your attention, and may you be well,

sincerely,

Cheslee Dexter