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**Submission from the
County of Renfrew Ottawa Valley
Economic Development Partners**

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

January 23-25, 2018

Exposé oral

**Mémoire de
County of Renfrew Ottawa Valley
Economic Development Partners**

À l'égard des

Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

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

December 6, 2017

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
289 Slater Street
P.O. Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa ON K1P 5S9

Re. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Inc. Operating Licence Renewal for Chalk River
Laboratories for a Period of Ten (10) Years

The County of Renfrew Ottawa Valley Economic Development Partners group is fully supportive of the application by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Inc. (CRL) for the renewal of the Operating Licence for Chalk River Laboratories (CRL), located in the County of Renfrew.

Ottawa Valley Economic Development (OVED) Partners is a committee composed of: economic and community development representatives from most of the seventeen (17) municipalities which comprise the County of Renfrew, County of Renfrew economic development and tourism marketing staff, economic development staff from Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, economic development and tourism staff from the City of Pembroke and representatives of Algonquin College Waterfront Campus in Pembroke. Our mandate is to grow and diversify our economy and communities.

CRL is the second largest single employer in the County, employing approximately 2,900 people, who live across the County, but primarily in North Renfrew: Deep River, Laurentian Hills, Petawawa, Laurentian Valley, Pembroke, Bonnechere Valley and Whitewater. It is in fact, the second largest employer between North Bay and Ottawa and is vital to the economy of that entire region and to many communities in Pontiac County, Quebec.

With a seventy (70) year history in the County of Renfrew of safe and responsible operation, massive economic spinoff, continual community and charity support by AECL and now CNL and as a major payroll provider and purchaser of goods and services, Chalk River Laboratories is the primary reason we have sustainable communities in this region of Renfrew County. The continued operation of CRL is the lifeblood of much of Renfrew County and is essential for the science and technology required to continue Canada's leadership role in the peaceful application of Nuclear Science in the areas of power generation and human health. CRL supports a broad array of other science and technology matters with important roles in materials, metals, chemistry, physics, environment, biology, software and security and benefiting automotive, aerospace, testing and structural safety.



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The County of Renfrew, Canadian industry and Canada itself require the scientific leadership provided by CRL in order to participate in the global economy in a leading and sustainable manner. Reduction of green house gas emissions is a vital mission for Canada and the world. CRL must be enabled to continue its' science and technology mission and the global leadership in the on-going development of non-emitting nuclear energy on behalf of Canada, to lead the development of safe, secure and sustainable energy sources for the world.

Ottawa Valley Economic Development Partners fully supports the 10 year Operating Licence renewal for Chalk River Laboratories and we wish to be an intervenor at the January 24 and 25, 2018 hearings in Pembroke, Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Ottawa Valley Economic Development (OVED) Partners