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Renfrew County District  
School Board**

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Renfrew County District  
School Board**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

**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

**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

**Commission Public Hearing**

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**January 23-25, 2018**

**23-25 janvier 2018**



08 December 2017

Dr. Michael Binder  
President  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 5S9

Dear Dr. Binder:

It is with great pleasure that we write this letter in support of the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) application for renewal of its operating licence for the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL).

As a recognized community partner, CNL provides educational leadership in our school board through a number of value-added activities/events/initiatives for the students and staff of schools across our district. The classroom visits of CNL professionals as guest speakers, coordination of 'hosts' for students to shadow during "Take Our Kids to Work Day", class visits of the laboratories at CRL as authentic, engaging field trips each school year, as well as the financial support CNL graciously provides the annual regional science fairs are all examples of our healthy, vibrant partnership in the heart of the Ottawa Valley.

The ten-year licence renewal proposed by CNL will allow the agency to realize its long-term strategy, transforming its laboratories in order to continue its leadership position in the development of peaceful and innovative applications through nuclear science and technology, while maintaining our beneficial long-term relationship by collaboratively engaging our students, our staff and our school communities in STEM-related educational experiences – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – across the curriculum.

As Chairperson of the Board and Director of Education, we have always acknowledged, appreciated and understood the important role that CNL plays in our community, through the delivery of nuclear products and/or services, as well as a vehicle for jobs and economic growth, and as a valued corporation in the county.

It is for these reasons that we wholeheartedly support the CNL's licence renewal request.

Sincerely,



Wendy Hewitt  
Chairperson of the Board



Pino Buffone  
Director of Education