



**Written submission from
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**Mémoire de
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.,
Toronto and Peterborough Facilities**

**BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.,
installations de Toronto et Peterborough**

Application for the renewal of the licence for
Toronto and Peterborough facilities

Demande de renouvellement du permis pour les
installations de Toronto et Peterborough

Commission Public Hearing

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Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada's application to license FFOL-3620.1/2020

I am writing this intervention regarding the license application of BWXT in Peterborough seeking "the flexibility to conduct pellet production."

I am submitting my intervention as a concerned member of the Peterborough community, with a child attending Prince of Wales Public School directly across the street from the BWXT facility.

It has come to my attention that BWXT is seeking an amendment in their license renewal that would allow them to process uranium pellets in addition to producing nuclear fuel bundles and repairing radioactive equipment which they currently do at the Peterborough site on Monaghan Road. I am strongly opposed to this amendment.

The record of environmental pollution and disregard for worker and public safety from corporate activities on this site are well documented and disturbing, dating back over six decades. There is no reason for me to believe this record will improve.

According to the BWXT website, in 2017 and 2018 the air emissions at the Toronto facility where the pelleting is currently done were 3000 times higher than they were in Peterborough. This is unacceptable in a densely populated city center with a school right across the street.

That this new pelleting operation is being proposed in an indigent neighborhood, where very little has been done by BWXT to communicate their intentions to pursue this amendment to the people who will be directly impacted by the fallout from a possible radioactive spill on the property, shows a corporate cynicism of a new level. The people of the Toronto neighborhood where this pelleting is presently being done are no longer interested in having such an activity in their backyards, and I do not believe the majority of Peterborough citizens would be willing to trade our current level of clean air and water for the dozen jobs which BWXT is dangling.

There is no reason to consider this amendment to the license of BWXT in Peterborough, as increased potential for radioactive contamination in a densely populated area is counter intuitive for our shared future.

Sincerely,

John Climenhage