



**Written submission from
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

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

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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

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My name is Claudette Beaudoin. I am a French Immersion school teacher. I lived for the last 19 years near GE knowing nothing about its uranium pallets production.

Here are some of my concerns if BWXT's ten years licence renewal is granted.

- School children across from BWXT will have to participate in Radioactivity Evacuation Drills on top of the mandatory six Fire Drills and two Stranger Lockdown Drills they are already submitted to, year after year. After all, uranium dust and radon gas leaks like fires and guns are a potential hazard.
- It worries me that heavy metal dust and decay are, even at a low rate, so close to Prince of Wales School. There will be health issues, there will. Sickesses will just not be attributed to heavy metal. And it will be an easy way out for BWXT. (Everyone knows how things work in the industrial world.)
- Prince of Wales School is situated in a low economic neighbourhood. Worrying about uranium and radon gas leaks can only add to the parents, educators and children's burdens. One of my colleagues texted me regarding an *Environmental Exposure to Toxins Testing* her family had to go through, she wrote:

"I am so happy to hear you are fighting for this cause. I have been chatting with people living in that area over the weekend and people are very upset. Since I will not be at the meeting to partake, I would ask that you do not use my name in the letter but you could refer to us as a family living on Bolivar Street from 2009-2017.

The testing included every kind of sample I could think of from bone density to blood work. The testing was a part of the Canadian Health Measures Survey facilitated by Health Canada and Statistics Canada. It looked at environmental exposure to toxins to Canadian citizens. I still have a hard time believing that me and my children were "randomly" selected and once the info started being published about the PCBs poisoning the ground in our neighborhood we figured let's get out of here before we get sick or cannot sell our house. Two of my children's grandpas had cancer due to their workplace. One worked at Outboard Marine and one at GE."

My colleague and her family moved. I am glad they did. Not everyone can afford to leave.

Questions

Would you send your child to Prince of Wales School knowing that across the street, BWXT produces uranium pellets?

Would you live in a house near BWXT?

Would you want to sell your house if it was situated near BWXT?

Would you worry if a member of your family bought a house near BWXT to start a family?

Would you welcome a project to pelletize in your immediate neighborhood?

Please, deny BWXT its licence and right to further contaminate our city. Don't let what happened in Port Hope happen in Peterborough.

I thank you for taking note on my concerns.

Claudette Beaudoin