



**Written submission from  
Doug Back**

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

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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**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to write about my opposition to the licensing of BWXT for uranium pellet manufacture in Peterborough, Ontario.

I moved with my family to this area 27 years ago. Had we known about the problems associated with downtown brownfields, results of irresponsible practices at Outboard Marine Corp and General Electric at their downtown plants, we may have reconsidered.

While both CNSC and BWXT claim the manufacturing process is safe, I am not convinced the science is worthy and feel the cautions brought forward by Dr. Gordon Edwards and others bear greater legitimacy.

In addition to the toxicity of the particulate, there is the danger, however unlikely, of a hydrogen explosion. It is always best to err on the side of caution, as General Electric and Outboard Marine did not, with unfortunate and avoidable results that impacted hundreds of families. Even if some of the arguments for the facility have merit, there is no excuse for the location so close to a school and in a densely populated residential neighbourhood.

We owe our grandchildren better than this!

Best regards,

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Norwood, On.