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**Written submission from  
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David Berger**

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**

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

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

**Commission Public Hearing**

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**March 2 to 6, 2020**

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Sent by email [cns.interventions.ccsn@canada.ca](mailto:cns.interventions.ccsn@canada.ca)

Dear Sir or Madam:

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

I am writing this intervention with regards to the license application of BWXT in Peterborough. I am submitting this in writing and would also like to make an oral presentation at the hearing in Peterborough.

By way of introduction, I am the Worker Co-Chair for the Joint Health and Safety Committee for Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. I represent the health and safety concerns of approximately 3000 teachers at our Board through this multi-site committee. I also serve as First Vice-President of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario Local for this Board. Of particular relevance to this Intervention, I represent approximately 50 workers at Prince of Wales Public School, a Kindergarten-Grade 8 school that is less than 25 meters from the front gates of the BWXT building.

Further to these responsibilities, I also reside within a kilometre of BWXT and my family is part of the Prince of Wales Community, as students and staff.

I am deeply concerned by the prospect of BWXT being granted a licence to process uranium in the heart of downtown Peterborough. The very possibility of uranium dust being released into our atmosphere and the dangers posed by housing a large hydrogen tank greatly increase the risk to staff and students in our schools (although Prince of Wales is the closest school site to this

Teachers and students at Prince of Wales have lived with the toxic legacy of General Electric for generations. There are already abnormally high cancer rates amongst staff at this site. The land next to this school, once owned by GE, is known to be toxic as well, thanks to years of industrial chemical dumping that occurred on this land. Please do not add to this legacy by introducing another potentially deadly industrial process on this site which is already polluted.

I strongly urge, with this intervention, that the CNSC deny granting a licence renewal for the Peterborough facility. If, despite my objections and the objections of others who intervene, you allow a renewal, I strongly urge that you deny BWXT's licence amendment that would allow uranium pelleting in Peterborough as part of their renewed licence.

I also ask that if granted, any potential renewal be for a period of five years or less to allow for careful review of process and detailed environmental assessment. Perhaps a shorter period would prompt BWXT to search out a new location for manufacture, in what actually is a proper "industrial" zone, instead of a densely populated school zone.

Sincerely,

  
David Berger