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Written submission from Andres D'Imperio

Mémoire de Andres D'Imperio

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

Audience publique de la Commission

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From: Andres D'Imperio

Sent: January 26, 2020 4:00 PM **To:** Interventions (CNSC/CCSN)

Subject: We don't want BWXT in our community

Attn. Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Re: BWXT, 1025 Lansdowne Avenue, Toronto.

Dear Commissioners,

Firstly let me introduce myself, my name is Andres D'Imperio, I am a husband and a father of a 7-year-old girl. My family and I live a few steps away from the BWXT plant, 500 metres away to be more precise. We have been residents of the area for approximately 8 years, and in all this time we never knew about the existence of a uranium plant in our neighbourhood. It was until very recently that we learnt about it and it has changed the way how we feel about our beloved neighbourhood.

We felt devastated, lied to, and cheated to know that, for all these years, we have been living our lives so close to this nuclear plant, and we thought to ourselves: How is it possible that there is a uranium processing plant in a densely-populated downtown residential area? well, that is I question that we now ask YOU, and we want to hear answers.

After learning about the presence of this plant, we have started communicating with friends and neighbours who also live in the area, and what I found curious is that they all had the same shocking reaction because they were ignorants of the plant existence. It's clear that no many people in our area seem to know about this dark secret. I find that our community should be more aware of this matter, so why the existence of this plant has to be a secret? Perhaps they have something to hide.

As far as I understand, there has never been a public consultation to ask the community if they agree with the presence of this plant in the area. This lack of transparency is not acceptable, our community deserves better.

Now, we would like to know what contingency strategies does BWXT have to implement in the event of an accident. Is BWXT prepared to handle a nuclear disaster? and is the community prepared to deal with an emergency? We need answers to these and many other questions that other members of our community have. It is time for BWXT to go.

Sincerely yours

Andres D'Imperio