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**Written submission from the  
Power Workers' Union**

**Mémoire du Syndicat des  
travailleurs et travailleuses du  
secteur énergétique**

**Regulatory Oversight Report for  
Canadian Nuclear Laboratories  
Sites: 2019**

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**Rapport de surveillance  
réglementaire des sites des  
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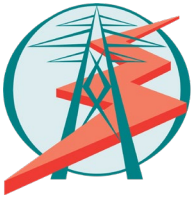
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**RE: Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Sites: 2019**

The Power Workers' Union (PWU) represents Operators at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' (CNL) Chalk River Laboratories (CRL). The PWU would like to make a submission in regards to CNSC Staff's annual Regulatory Oversight Report on Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Sites for 2019, Reference CMD 20-M22. Please include this letter for the December 8-10, 2020 meeting of the Commission.

The PWU fully supports the findings of CNSC Staff in their 2019 Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Sites and their conclusion that Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Sites were operated safely in 2019 and made adequate provisions for the health, safety and security of workers, the public and the environment. CNSC Staff's compliance activities confirmed that environmental protection programs, radiation protection programs and conventional health and safety programs were all effective. We note that the CNL – CRL Site received a rating of "satisfactory" in all Safety and Control Areas (SCAs).

The PWU is a regular intervenor in CNSC license hearings and public meetings. As stated in previous submissions to the CNSC, the PWU considers health and safety to be our highest priority. This includes safety culture, radiological safety, conventional safety, environmental safety, public safety, nuclear safety and security. We encourage our Members to use the internal responsibility system to jointly address health and safety concerns. We promote the reporting of all potential issues and learning from experience across the industry. Additionally, the PWU provides internal, Union-led training for JHSC Members and Chief Stewards on a variety of health and safety topics. Our Health and Safety indicators look great but we continuously strive for improvement. We coordinate our efforts with other Unions in the Nuclear Industry and we're active Members of the Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council (CNWC).

We would like to thank the CNSC Staff for their continuing oversight of Canada's Nuclear Industry and for another very thorough report. This oversight is beneficial for the people who work in Canada's Nuclear Industry and for the Public. We commend the CNSC for producing this annual oversight report. This report and the CNSC's public

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you require additional information from the Power Workers' Union please contact us.

Respectfully submitted by,

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