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Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites for 2020

The Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council (CNWC) would like to make a submission in regards to CNSC Staff's Annual Regulatory Oversight Report for Nuclear Power Generating Sites for 2020, Reference CMD 21-M36. Please include this letter for the Commission's December 15-16, 2021 public meeting. The CNWC is a regular intervenor at CNSC proceedings

The Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council has been the collective voice of Unionized Workers across Canada's Nuclear Industry since 1993. Our Member Unions represent Workers in uranium mines and mills, nuclear fuel fabrication, nuclear power plant (NPP) operation and maintenance, NPP construction and refurbishment, engineering, medical isotope production, nuclear research and development, nuclear waste management and decommissioning.

Specific to this submission CNWC Member Unions represent Workers at Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Darlington Nuclear Power Plant (NPP), OPG's Pickering NPP, Bruce A and Bruce B NPPs, Point Lepreau NPP and the waste management facilities associated with all of those sites. Our Member Unions at these sites include; the Power Workers' Union (PWU), the Society of United Professionals (the Society), the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and the Provincial Building & Construction Trades Council of Ontario. District Labour Councils around all of Canada's Nuclear Generating Sites are also Members of the CNWC.

The goals of the CNWC are to:

- ensure the perspectives of Canada's Nuclear Workers are heard by decision makers,
- strengthen the collective role of Nuclear Workers via their Unions as partners in Canada's Nuclear Industries, and
- enhance public knowledge about the many benefits of Canada's Nuclear Industry.

The Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council is comprised of Locals of the following organizations: District Labour Councils (Grey/Bruce, Durham, Northumberland, Lindsay and Saint John) * International Association of Firefighters * International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers * International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers * United Steel Workers * Power Workers' Union * Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada * Public Service Alliance of Canada * Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario (Ont. Building Trades) * Society of United Professionals * Society of Professional Engineers and Associates * UNIFOR * International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers

Safeguarding the continued health and safety of our Members is always our top priority. This is true for the CNWC and all of our Member Unions. We work with our employers to ensure this is always top of mind. When our workplaces are safe it's better for the environment and safe workplaces result in safer communities. Nuclear Workers live, work and play in our nuclear host communities along with our families and friends. We take our responsibilities personally and seriously.

Through the pandemic the CNWC Board of Directors maintained regular communications. Our conference was cancelled for 2020 and 2021 but CNWC Members have stayed connected. We plan to resume our in-person conferences in 2022. The conferences have proven to be an effective means of learning more about Canada's Nuclear Industry and provided opportunities to tour all of Canada's Nuclear Generating Sites.

We've reviewed the 2020 Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Generating Sites. We fully support the assessment and findings of CNSC Staff and their conclusion that Canada's Nuclear Power Plants and their associated Waste Management Facilities operated safely in 2020.

We believe that Ontario Power Generation, Bruce Power and New Brunswick Power all continue to make adequate provisions for the health, safety and security of workers, the public and the environment.

The workplace health and safety standards at Canada's Nuclear Generating Sites are second to none. Employers and Unions work together to ensure this. Our Members are well trained and comfortable raising concerns which helps support a formidable level of safety at our nuclear facilities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission, CNSC Staff and all Intervenors in this public meeting. This public process helps keep our workplaces and communities safe. Thank-you.

If you have any questions for the CNWC please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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