



**Written submission from
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**Mémoire de
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

Application to renew its waste nuclear
substance licence for the Port Hope Project

Demande concernant le renouvellement du
permis de déchets de substances nucléaires
pour le projet de Port Hope

Commission Public Hearing

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Senior Tribunal Officer, Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street P.O. Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

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Subject: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application for a 10-year renewal of the Port Hope Project Waste Nuclear Substance Licence for the completion of the Port Hope Area Initiative - Reference Number: 2022-H-13.

Dear Secretariat:

Introduction & Background

I have been a part of the Port Hope Community for over 18 years as a business owner, as a resident and as an owner of 10 acres of wooded property overlooking Lake Ontario. As a business owner, the issue of low-level radioactive waste in the community reared up intermittently causing disruptions in bookings at my Inn and eventually played havoc with the sale of that property; not just the valuation but also the amount of time it took to sell. I have been a strong advocate for the clean-up. Even though the levels of some of the contaminants are lower than are present in other communities, the profile the "low level radiation" has received over the years has highlighted the presence of "any" contaminant. Therefore, perception is reality when it comes to guests, potential residents or new businesses making a decision to come to Port Hope.

Working with CNL

1. I have owned different properties in Port Hope and when I have needed to renovate or landscape, the CNL have been very responsive and ensured that each was done safely
2. The 10-acre wood lot is a very special property. I have managed it under the provincial "Managed Forest Program" since 2004, removing invasive species of trees and ensured brush and felled limbs and brush are left for animal habitat. CNL has respected the special nature of this property and did Environmental studies which identified 5 endangered species which led to amending the original work plan to minimize the effects of deforesting to clean up contaminated areas. Through the process, many mature trees were spared.
3. Although we may not have agreed on some of the implementation of the clean-up plans, they have been open to my concerns and in some cases have made adjustments in the context of still complying with the overall objectives. As each person has represented their accountabilities and perspectives while listening to my input, the results are better all round.

Conclusion

My entire family lives in Port Hope now, as my two sons have moved here to open a business and my one and only grandchild is a big reason why I am a strong advocate of the clean-up. We want a community where our children and grandchildren can live and enjoy the surroundings feeling safe and secure that there are no environmental hazards; real or perceived.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to intervene in this matter,

Robin Dines