



**Oral presentation**

**Exposé oral**

**Written submission from  
Helen Ward-Wakelin**

**Mémoire de  
Helen Ward-Wakelin**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de la

**New Brunswick Power Corporation,  
Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station**

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**Société d'Énergie du Nouveau-Brunswick,  
centrale nucléaire de Point Lepreau**

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Application for the renewal of NB Power's  
licence for the Point Lepreau Nuclear  
Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement du permis  
d'Énergie NB pour la centrale nucléaire de  
Point Lepreau

**Commission Public Hearing  
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission  
Partie 2**

**May 11 and 12, 2022**

**11 et 12 mai 2022**

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
Attention: Senior Tribunal Officer, Secretariat  
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**RE:** Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station Licence Renewal

Senior Tribunal Officer- Secretariat:

As part of License Renewal process, I am submitting my intervention letter to be added to the evaluation in 2022. I would like to intervene in person. I am sharing my experiences when I worked as an Environmental, Safety and Community Liaison in partnership with Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc. (MTI) & New Brunswick Power. I received excellent training in the Nuclear Industry.

I was given the opportunity to see first-hand that Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station is a safe and environmentally responsible company, with a strong safety culture in place. At every stage of my training, I was encouraged to keep my questioning attitude. At no point was my personal values and culture ever questioned, in fact it was embraced and used to strengthen the environmental monitoring process. My Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge and culture helped to enhance the sampling to include Species of cultural significance.

I was able to transfer my knowledge and expertise to the task at hand, as well as, learning from Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station staff. The additional Human Performance and Safety Training I received, I carried that knowledge and applied it to other environmental projects that I was a part of, and in addition, I applied it to work activities at a First Nation Community in their Housing and Infrastructure to help improve my team's safety and awareness.

It was important to me that I also be a part of community engagement activities, with all parties, not just First Nation Communities. I gained the capacity to hear a different perspective and view, so I would have a more well-rounded knowledge of community concerns or interests.

As more industries seek to build more diversity and inclusion in the work environment, I have seen Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station work towards ensuring everyone in the diversity mix feels involved, valued, respected, treated fairly and part of the company culture. One example, I was given the space to promote and speak about the "Moose Hide Campaign" for missing and murdered indigenous women and children. The employees who attended the session told me they appreciated the powerful message and significance of raising awareness. I always felt safe and comfortable sharing this message with the employees.

As a Mi'kmaq, it is inherent to me to value the land and environment. I see that Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station also strive to have the highest standards for the protection of the environment and the Safety of its employees. I support the licence renewal of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station with the trust that they will continue to meet or exceed the health and safety requirement to operate the Station.

Sincerely,



Helen Ward-Wakelin  
Eel Ground First Nation

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