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In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)

Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens (LNC)

Application from the CNL to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site licence to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility

Demande des LNC visant à modifier le permis du site des Laboratoires de Chalk River pour autoriser la construction d'une installation de gestion des déchets près de la surface

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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: Letter of Support Re: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site licence to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility IAA Reference Number: 80122

Dear Secretariat:

It is my pleasure to be able to provide this written submission to express my support for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories application towards the construction of the near surface disposal facility.

I've had the pleasure of representing the constituents of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke for the better part of 20 years. Over this time I've met with countless constituents that have some connection to CNL and the Chalk River Laboratories that go far beyond their current employees. Multiple generations have grown up working at the labs, and we hope that many more will continue to do so.

The legacy of the AECL, CNL and the Chalk River Laboratories are well known. From the birth place of the CANDU reactor technology that now provides 60% of Ontario's emission free electricity, to the global export of life saving medical isotopes. The current revitalization of the labs will ensure that CNL can address the current and future challenges facing the country and the world. An important part of the revitalization, will be addressing the legacy low level wastes accumulated over the past 70 years.

The proposed NSDF project is designed to protect and improve environmental conditions at the site. To address the legacy wastes now, while it prepares for the future is simply the right thing to do.

I make no claims to being a nuclear scientist, but I have met with many of the brilliant women and men who work at CNL, and they are committed to excellence in everything they do. The people undertaking these environmental remediation activities live and work in the communities surrounding the Chalk River Laboratories, and have expressed their support, and in fact, the need for this project to move forward.

Over the course of the past six years during the environmental assessment process, they have met with members of the community, indigenous communities, businesses, and myself and other local elected official to broaden awareness of their activities. They have undertaken these endeavours in good faith to ensure transparency, public engagement, and disseminate information in support of the CNSC's mandate to protect the health and safety of Canadians, as well as our environment.

As part of this process representatives from Ontario's Ministry of Environment and Conservation Protection were members of the federal/provincial review team. They had the opportunity to have input

and ask questions throughout the process. As commission heard earlier this year, they have stated that they are satisfied with the “predicted impacts and the effluent design criteria that have been proposed”.

In conclusion, if the commission deems the project scientifically sound, and that it will protect the health and safety of Canadians, as well as our environment, it should cause no undue delay in approving CNL’s application to amend its license so that they can get on with this important project.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to intervene in this matter

John Yakabuski, MPP

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Signature

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