



**Written submission from
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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

**Commission Public Hearing
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Committee members,

I'm in my eighties and have seen and experienced many promises related to the natural environment that never resulted in the intended outcome. Humans still have much to learn about the aging of materials being used to contain the nuclear waste as well as the geological changes of the site over time let alone the human challenge of monitoring a site older than when settlers were first discovering Canada, all this adds up to too many unknowns.

Water is the essence of life and the Ottawa River is the centre of one of the largest watersheds in Canada, developing such an untested waste facility in such a sensitive location that could contaminate water as well as the air for centuries is madness. The final decision needs to reflect the cautionary principle with the hope that a better solution will be occur in the future.

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