



**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
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission
Partie 2**

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April 14, 2022

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:

As the Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, I'm pleased to have the opportunity to take part in this important regulatory process, and express why I am supportive of the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site licence to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility.

As a representative of constituents that will be directly impacted by the proposed project it was incumbent upon me to learn more about this project, so that I could make informed decisions and ask questions on behalf of the citizens I represent.

Last fall I had the opportunity to visit CNL's operations at Port Granby and Port Hope and to get a thorough background on these and the proposed NSDF project, all of which are above ground facilities designed to protect the environment. I learned first-hand the extent to which the dedicated professionals at CNL are undertaking towards the remediation of the federal governments legacy low level waste.

CNL's Chalk River Laboratories is a vitally important institution in our community, in terms of its historic and ongoing contributions to science, and its employment and economic impact. The rejuvenation of Canada's National Nuclear Laboratory, will enable the next generation of world class scientists to take on the emerging challenges, including combatting climate change with zero emission nuclear energy, and fighting cancer with cutting edge isotope research.

To enable this future, we must address the past. The Chalk River facility has been in operation for more than 70 years, and waste remediation practices have evolved significantly. This project will employ scientifically proven technologies that will improve the environmental conditions at the site, while providing protections for workers and the surrounding natural environment including the Ottawa River shed.

Over the past 6 years, CNL has been undertaking rigorous public engagement activities with respect to the NSDF and have received the endorsement of numerous local elected officials, citizens and businesses in our community. With the oversight of the regulator, and informed by science, if the commission agrees with the proposed licence amendment, this project should proceed without delay.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to intervene in this matter, and as both an elected official and resident, I believe the NSDF is the responsible solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Gallant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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