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In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

**Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)**

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**Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens (LNC)**

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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**

**May and June 2022**

**Mai et juin 2022**

## **My Opposition to the Nuclear Waste Dump in Chalk River**

### ***Re: May 31 Public Commission Hearing – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Near Surface Disposal Facility***

I am horrified that the public has been effectively omitted from the decisions being made around this nuclear waste dump in Chalk River and that there has been no open discussions regarding the risks to the environment and communities downstream from this facility.

It seems obvious to me and others of sound mind that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is free to make decisions without public approval that could potentially result in nuclear contamination of the entire Ottawa River waterway all the way to Montreal and beyond. This risk has been acknowledged by some of the top engineers at the Chalk River operation in recent years, and yet the commission has allowed this project to move forward as planned with no concern whatsoever about the devastation this would have on human life throughout the vast regions on both sides of the river with Ottawa and Gatineau being front and center in this threat.

The concerns of homeowners and cottagers along the river banks have been dismissed, and the majority of city dweller and town folks are mostly oblivious to these risks, not to mention the extensive plans to expand this nuclear waste operation. More importantly, Indigenous peoples concerns have once again fallen on deaf ears and these are the people we most desperately need in all of the decision making processes. They are the rightful caretakers and overseers of land that is at stake here.

It is irresponsible for the governments to allow this project to continue and disgraceful to keep people in the dark about this entire fiasco. To not properly inform people about the environmental risks is careless and reckless and someone needs to be held accountable for allowing this to happen. Where are the MPs and MPPs in all of this?

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