Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission   Commission canadienne de sûreté nucléaire

Written submission from Colin Robb

Mémoire de Colin Robb

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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Good day,

My name is Colin Robb and am a Quality Control Inspector currently employed at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Chalk River campus. I reside in Petawawa a short commute to Chalk River.

I have a vested interest in the construction of the proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility at the Chalk River campus. As a Quality Control Inspector at Chalk River I have had the opportunity to work at numerous locations around the facility, in the state or the art research labs, on top or below the now closed NRU reactor, out in the field performing inspections of power piping systems, to performing inspections on pressure vessels or on one of a kind manufactured items to support our incredibly important research work here at site.

Unfortunately, nuclear research comes at a price, the price being legacy waste that needs to be addressed. The NSDF will provide a long term, scientifically based solution to satisfy the needs of the Government of Canada, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, the Chalk River campus and the surrounding communities, for generations to come.

The conditions of many buildings and the environment has deteriorated too far to be left as is. It is our responsibility as stewards of the environment to ensure that we collectively address the issue now and not leave the problem for future generations to deal with.

Please make the NSDF a reality.

Thank you.