



Oral presentation

Submission from the County of Renfrew

In the Matter of the

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

Application for the renewal of the Nuclear
Research and Test Establishment Operating
Licence for the Chalk River Laboratories

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À l'égard des

Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

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d'exploitation d'établissement de recherche
et d'essais nucléaires pour les Laboratoires
de Chalk River

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Ms. Louise Levert
Commission Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street, P.O. Box 1046
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Dear Ms Levert:

Re: Intervention Supporting Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Inc. Application for Renewal of Chalk River Laboratories' Site Operating Licence for a Period of Ten (10) Years

On behalf of the County of Renfrew, I wish to inform you that we continue to fully support Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the continued revitalization of the Chalk River Laboratories site. As Canada's largest single cluster of science and technology and research and development, representing a broad spectrum of science from nuclear and physics to environmental and human health, Chalk River Laboratories is essential to the innovation agenda of Canada.

Since 1944, for seventy-three years, the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) has been a key economic pillar and an excellent corporate citizen of the County of Renfrew. CRL supports local businesses, both in purchasing goods and materials and in encouraging their employees to support business, volunteer and tourism initiatives. The vast majority of the 2,900 employees of CRL reside in the County and contribute to the region's quality of life on many levels. Many of these employees are third generation employees of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories at the CRL site. Their salaries contribute to the prosperity of the region and to the success of businesses small and large. CRL is truly the economic cornerstone of the County of Renfrew.

As the necessity of non-Green House Gas (non-GHG) emitting technologies for the production of electricity rises globally, Canada must be an active participant in the safe and secure development and deployment of those new technologies. This would be building on the strength of our long and peerless history of the peaceful application of nuclear science. Also, as one of the largest per capita consumers of energy, Canada has a responsibility to be part of the solution to excessive GHG emissions. Without the ability to conduct research and development activities at Chalk River Laboratories, Canada will lose its competitive edge in a market that is seeing renewed commitment as well as in markets for industrial, science, physics, materials and human health R&D broadly, and nuclear science supported technologies specifically.

The County of Renfrew fully supports the continued Government of Canada investment in the site renewal of Chalk River Laboratories and we appreciate the technical and safety oversight of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.


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