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In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

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

Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

Demande de renouvellement du permis
d'exploitation d'établissement de recherche
et d'essais nucléaires pour les Laboratoires
de Chalk River

Commission Public Hearing

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From: Ed Barbeau
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Interventions (CNSC/CCSN)
Cc:
Subject: Relicensing of Chalk River Laboratories

To the Canadian Nuclear Safety Committee:

I find the proposal of the consortium operating the Chalk River facility to renew the licensing of the Chalk River Laboratories quite alarming.

You will no doubt have in front of you detailed critiques of the proposal so I will just highlight my main concerns: the length of time for which the licensing would be valid (a whole decade?); the provisions about the disposal of nuclear wastes and disposition of contaminated structures to be destroyed; governance issues and the competence and integrity of the firms in the consortium.

There is a recent article by James Muson in iPolitics:

<https://ipolitics.ca/author/james-munson-2/> .

This article appears to me to be sound and factual, so I would expect the committee to make a thorough analysis of this article and to issue a detailed response to it in advance of coming to a decision.

In our present world of convenient technology, it would be the easiest thing in the world to email your response to each of your electronic correspondents in advance of making your internal deliberations so that we can have an understanding of the care and thoroughness that your committee is applying.

The issues of nuclear technology are too pressing for our procedures to be adjudicated by anyone not prepared to act meticulously.

Ed Barbeau