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United Steelworkers (USW)**

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United Steelworkers (USW)**

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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Marty Warren
District Director

Via Email,
December 11, 2017

To: Members of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Re: CANADIAN NUCLEAR LABORATORIES (CNL) OPERATING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE CHALK RIVER LABORATORIES

Members of the Commission,

The United Steelworkers (USW) is a union representing over 180,000 members in Canada. We have two locals at Chalk River: Local 1568, representing technicians and technologists (including radiation protection surveyors); and Local 4096, representing office and clerical, as well as labourers, including contamination monitors.

The USW adopts and supports the submissions of the Canadian Nuclear Workers Council, of which our locals at Chalk River are affiliated. We make the following additional comments:

On conventional health and safety, management has collaborated in joint educational initiatives to increase the effectiveness of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, ensure a functioning Policy Committee is in place, and ensure that the terms of the Canada Labour Code, Part II are met and exceeded.

In labour relations, we have recently successfully concluded negotiations with both locals in an acceptable manner and within a reasonable time frame. The dispute-settlement mechanisms in place are functioning well and there is constructive dialogue between the parties.

In radiation protection, management has shown a willingness to constructively reach resolution on any labour relations issues that have developed and once again, there is generally a high quality of dialogue between the parties.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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