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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

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Dear Commission Secretariat,

I was pleased to hear that the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) are requesting to renew their license, and would like to take the opportunity to explain the important role that CNL plays in the Ottawa Valley community and the benefits that would ensue from a license renewal.

Garrison Petawawa and CNL are the two largest employers in the Ottawa Valley, thus we work closely with each other and our successes and defeats can be mutually felt by the community. As Canada's premier nuclear science and technology organization, CNL brings a multitude of experience and business to the community which has improved the economic connections between the Ottawa Valley and a number of cities within Canada and around the world. It has also resulted in a better standard of living for our soldiers with an increased number of businesses and services available to them, as well as provided additional employment opportunities for their spouses. A license renewal would enable CNL to initiate their long term strategy and vision which would only further improve economic growth and success within our community.

CNL has also heavily involved themselves in our community by organizing BBQs, participating in Relay for Life and United Way campaigns, and providing student tours of their facilities to name a few. They are passionate about teaching the younger generation and our soldiers' families about all fields of science and provide an unparalleled opportunity to students in our area through their involvement in Skills Canada competitions and science fairs.

Garrison Petawawa has a strong partnership with CNL and we provide them services including land use agreements, the use of our ranges for their security team live fire training, an emergency evacuation route and on call support in the event of decontamination requirements during emergencies. We would be happy to continue providing these services upon renewal of their license.

CNL is a valued corporate citizen in our community and their commitment to the safe and innovative applications of nuclear technology has earned them a world class title. Garrison Petawawa is fortunate to have such an influential organization within our community, and losing them would be detrimental to the local economy and our soldiers. I highly recommend CNL be awarded a license renewal and look forward to watching their success as they progress with their long term strategy and vision.

Sincerely,



M.L. Lapointe
Colonel
Commander