



**Written submission  
from Ish Theilheimer**

**Mémoire de  
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

**Canadian Nuclear Laboratories**

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

**Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens**

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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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I am concerned with proposals that would have the effect of loosening regulatory scrutiny of CNL's operations in Chalk River, Ontario.

There is a long and well-documented history of problems and environmental contamination from AECL operations there, even while under careful public scrutiny and a worrisome legacy of contamination there, and CNL will inevitably want to deal with it and other problems as cheaply as possible. It is a bad idea to loosen public scrutiny of Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories now that the operation has been turned over to a corporation owned by a multinational consortium that inherently will not have the same concern for public safety and environmental protection as a public agency. CNL's prime mandate, like any corporation's, is to earn money for its shareholders. Cutting costs and corners and placing the public at risk is very likely behaviour for such a corporation.

The proposed changes to the Chalk River licence have not been well publicized, and it appears they are being rushed through, which does not serve the causes of public safety and environmental protection at all well.