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Hell or High Water (HOHW)**

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Hell or High Water (HOHW)**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

Les Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

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

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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Attn: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

I am writing this letter on behalf of Hell or High Water (HOHW), Canada's Largest Whitewater Festival, in support of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' (CNL) licence renewal request for the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) site.

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories is an important partner in the communities of the Upper Ottawa Valley. As an employer, they support a talented and skillful workforce of more than 2,500 people. As an organization, they develop and deliver the cutting-edge advancements in science that inspire young Canadians to seek careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. CNL proves that Canada is among the world leaders in technologies that help keep people safe, healthy and secure providing solutions to many of the world's greatest challenges. As a partner in the community they provide vital support to many, many organizations enabling them to strengthen local services, enrich social programming, or otherwise build strong, cohesive and dynamic communities. It is this role that Hell or High Water has most directly benefitted from CNL.

Hell or High Water is run entirely by a small team of volunteers. We work with partners in the community and in the sporting industry to bring a whitewater event to the Town of Petawawa. This event showcases the natural beauty of the area, encourages physical fitness and enjoyment of the outdoors, and raises money to address community needs. In its nine year history, HOHW has raised more than \$50,000 for community causes close to the hearts of people here in the Ottawa Valley, and as importantly, enabled more than 5,000 people to experience the magic of whitewater paddlesports. (It is important to note that paddling and whitewater rafting play an important role in the tourism marketing for this region, and contribute significantly to the local economy.)

HOHW could not have accomplished all this without the ongoing support of CNL. This support comes to HOHW in a number of ways. Financially, their contribution enables the delivery of a safe, high quality event, but also as Community Sponsor, it enables HOHW to offer free participation to community groups such as the Boy Scouts of Canada, Pathfinders, The Grind (youth program), Algonquins of Ontario, and others. In addition, HOHW benefits from the participation of a great number of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories employees, both as volunteers and as competitors in all disciplines.

Lastly, CNL's support for the event clearly demonstrates the organization's commitment to the protection of the Ottawa River and its tributaries. HOHW, since its inception, has had a strong connection to environmental protection, and access to clean, free flowing rivers. Each year, a portion of the funds raised at this event are provided to the Advocacy Committee of Whitewater Ontario.

In closing, CNL is both a trusted and valued partner in the Upper Ottawa Valley. Hell or High Water fully supports their application for a site licence, and wishes them the best of success in achieving their vision for the future.

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