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the Renfrew County Regional  
Science Fair**

**Mémoire de  
Renfrew County Regional  
Science Fair**

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**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**January 23-25, 2018**

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Re: Intervention to Proposed Operating License Renewal for Chalk River Laboratories (CRL)

We, the Renfrew County Regional Science Fair, are writing to intervene in the proposed renewal of the CRL Operating License. As a long-time partner with CNL (and AECL before it), we strongly support the renewal of the operating license for the Chalk River site and the continuation of a long history of strong and world-leading scientific output and discovery.

We have had the good fortune to work with CNL Chalk River Laboratories for decades, as they supported our regional science fair, and other outreach projects that helped enrich the science education of our local students. Some examples of these projects include the annual Science Olympics (for grade 9 to 12 students) and the (unfortunately, now defunct) Deep River Science Academy. Without the laboratories, we would not have the resources or dedicated volunteer judges to accomplish our organization's mission of enhancing science education in Renfrew County through a regional science fair, support for local high school and elementary school science fairs, and other science programs / activities for local students.

CNL has proven itself to be a champion of science education, with executive involvement in our events and frequent communication to ensure that our team of volunteers have what they need to succeed in our mission. As a national laboratory, they have demonstrated their commitment to ensuring Canada is recognized as a leading innovator in nuclear science and technology; by assisting us in teaching and educating students about scientific methods and good research practices, they are ensuring that this distinction is sustained into the next generation.

We also feel that a 10-year license renewal will give CNL the stability it needs to accomplish its goals, further establish itself as a world-class national laboratory, and ensure that its positive influence on the local community continues for years to come. To us, a strong, rejuvenated CRL that continues to build on its research prowess is essential to Renfrew County and the Renfrew County Science Fair.

As such, the Renfrew County Regional Science Fair is proud to support the 10-year license renewal for the Chalk River Laboratories. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.



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