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SUBJECT: Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2024

Commission Registry /Senior Tribunal Officer,

My name is Bill Boutin. I am a resident of Maces Bay, a community that is adjacent to the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS). I have lived in the area for nine years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my thoughts on the Point Lepreau station.

For many years I have been active in our community, in volunteer roles such as the local fire and emergency response services and as a member of community groups such as the Fundy Bay Seniors Club. These activities have allowed me to get to know many residents in our area.

I am also a member of the Warden Service which operates under the auspices of the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization (NBEMO). The Warden Service is a group of volunteers who are trained and equipped to support and aid police and other services in emergency preparedness planning and response. My Warden Zone is adjacent to the Point Lepreau station.

A key part of the Warden's role is supporting community readiness through public outreach. This includes helping deliver emergency notifications, distributing potassium iodide tablets, assisting with demographic surveys, and identifying individuals who may require additional assistance during an evacuation.

My role as a Warden has allowed me to discuss the plant with many residents in our community. To this end, I have never heard any concern raised about the station, from either newcomers or long-time residents. I believe this trust and comfort is due to the goodwill that has been built between New Brunswick Power and community members through many years of open communications.

The Station's policy of transparency has kept residents informed through face-to-face meetings, information sessions, regular presentations to community groups, newsletters and promulgation of an emergency preparedness guide that is designed to help residents understand how to plan for unexpected situations. I've seen first-hand the willingness of station staff to quickly respond should a community member have a question.

In October 2024, I participated in Synergy 2024, a large-scale emergency preparedness exercise at the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station. I observed a high level of professionalism, preparedness, and communication among all participating organizations. From my perspective, the drill reinforced my confidence in the station's emergency preparedness and its ability to work effectively with community-based responders.

In 2025, I collected local demographic safety surveys within my Warden Zone. This involved direct, in-person conversations with many residents, providing an opportunity to answer questions, share information, and reaffirm the station's emergency preparedness measures. Through these discussions, I found residents to be not only well informed but exceptionally comfortable with the presence and operation of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating station.

In conclusion, my volunteer work has highlighted the reality that local residents not only support Point Lepreau, but they also consider it a transparent, well-managed and trusted part of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.



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