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**Written Submission from the
Ministry of Energy**

In the Matter of

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Proposed Environmental Impact Statement
for OPG's Deep Geological Repository
(DGR) Project for Low and Intermediate
Level Waste

Joint Review Panel

September 16 to October 12, 2013

**Mémoire du
Ministère de l'Énergie**

À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Étude proposée pour l'énoncé des incidences
environnementales pour l'Installation de
stockage de déchets radioactifs à faible et
moyenne activité dans des couches géologiques
profondes

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Ms. Stella Swanson

Chair

Deep Geological Repository Joint Review Panel c/o Canadian Environmental

Assessment Agency

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Dear Ms. Swanson:

Thank you for your June 18, 2013 e-mail and attachment regarding the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) Joint Review Panel's Public Hearing Process which contains your invitation for the Ministry of Energy to provide a written submission and an oral presentation to the Panel during the public hearing scheduled to begin September 16, 2013.

As per our previous correspondence in 2012, the Ontario Ministry of Energy reiterates its strong interest in seeing that nuclear waste continues to be managed in a safe and responsible manner. The Ministry of Energy is responsible for developing the energy policy framework for Ontario in accordance with the broad policy objectives of the province. This includes responsibility for provincial legislation including the *Electricity Act, 1998*.

The proponent of the DGR, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), is established by and receives its objects under Part IV.1 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*. OPG is also incorporated as a share capital corporation under Ontario's Business Corporations Act and Her Majesty in right of Ontario, through the Minister of Energy, is the sole shareholder.

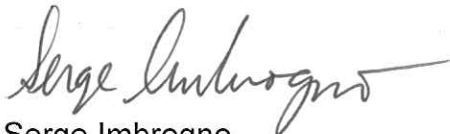
The DGR project has been proposed by OPG to address the long-term management of low and intermediate level nuclear waste produced at its nuclear facilities. As such, the DGR is an OPG initiative and no specific direction has been given to OPG by the Ministry relating to the DGR project. As its sole shareholder, the Ministry has been and will continue to be apprised of the DGR project during the course of its regular communications with OPG. The Ministry continues to note that the DGR project is consistent with the broad policy objectives and interests of the Ministry including that the nuclear waste be managed in a safe and responsible manner.

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As part of your previous correspondence with the Ministry, you inquired as to the Ministry's technical expertise as it relates to the DGR project or its possible environmental effects. The Ministry reiterates that it does not possess specialized technical expertise relating to the DGR project or its possible environmental effects. The Ministry is comfortable with the central role OPG is expected to play in the upcoming public consultations and defers to it on project-specific matters as are expected to be discussed at said consultations. As such, the Ministry respectfully declines the opportunity to actively participate in the consultations and will not be making a public presentation on the DGR project.

I trust this is the information you require and apologize for the delay in responding to your message. Please contact Michael Reid, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Regulatory Affairs and Strategic Policy Division, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Serge Imbrogno". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Serge Imbrogno
Deputy Minister

c: Michael Reid, Assistant Deputy Minister
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