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**Written Submission from**

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In the Matter of

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.**

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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**

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Étude proposée pour l'énoncé des incidences  
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stockage de déchets radioactifs à faible et  
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profondes

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## **DGR Joint Review Panel Hearing Written-only Submission**

As a retired Nuclear power executive, with extensive experience in the safe operation of nuclear power plants I am completely supportive of the application for and approval of the OPG Deep Geological Repository for low and intermediate level waste to be located at the Western Waste Management Facility at the Bruce Nuclear Site.

OPG has a long history of safe and environmentally responsible operation of their nuclear power plants and their waste management facilities, and I have every confidence that this will continue. OPG and its employees have the requisite knowledge and proven experience in operating and maintaining Nuclear facilities to high standards.

The need for base load Nuclear power in Ontario, now and into the foreseeable future, requires options for the safe storage of the by-products of nuclear power, by an organization with a strong record of public and employee safety, environmental responsibility and corporate citizenship.

The debate around the need to build additional and/or refurbish existing Nuclear power plants, or not, has no bearing on the need for approval and construction of the DGR to deal with the current waste demands of the existing fleet of Nuclear reactors in Ontario.

Ontario made the decision decades ago to utilize Nuclear power as part of the power needs of the province and now we must make an informed decision to deal with the waste that has already and continues to be generated.

OPG has spent the past 12 years diligently preparing for this project and has the strong support of the host communities. The technical and environmental studies have been completed, with no likelihood of any significant adverse effect on human health or the environment.

Lets approve the project and move forward with the licensing and construction.

Thank you.

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