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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

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Étude proposée pour l'énoncé des incidences
environnementales pour l'Installation de
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To The DGR Joint Review Panel Hearing Members

I am writing this letter in support of OPG's proposed Deep Geologic Repository Project.

My name is Ron Hewitt and I am the 5th generation of my family to live in the Municipality of Kincardine. I own a family farm and I have been a farmer for over 40 years. I have always had a keen interest in what happens in my municipality, in fact I served as a Municipal Councillor for 27 years from 1981 to 2010. I was a member of the council that signed the agreement with OPG re the DGR project on Oct 13, 2004.

I also had the opportunity to travel to Europe in 2002 to see first-hand how a working underground repository is operated. This facility is called the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company in Forsmark, Sweden. I also visited Zwiilag facility in Wurenbingen Switzerland, the National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste in Wetingen Switzerland, and the Centre de L'Aude Disposal Facility in Soullaine France – ANDRA National radioactive Waste Management Agency. This trip gave me insight how other countries in the world store and manage their nuclear waste. I certainly was very impressed with these facilities.

I have had many tours over the years at the Bruce Nuclear site including the nuclear waste facilities. As a Municipal Councillor I was a member of the Nuclear Liaison Committee and the South Bruce Impact Advisory Committee. These monthly committee meetings gave me a broad understanding of the nuclear industry and how the nuclear waste facility at the Bruce site is operated. I also have attended open houses on the proposed DGR project and have been very impressed with the science and the experts answering any questions asked.

OPG has spent many years studying and investigating this site for the proposed DGR project utilizing the very best science and professionals to make sure this is a safe site and the appropriate way to store low and intermediate level nuclear waste. OPG has always kept the public informed re this DGR project with newsletters, open- houses, at trade fairs, and on their web-site. I have full confidence in OPG to build and operate the proposed DGR facility at the Bruce Site. My many years on Council has given me the opportunity to observe firsthand the professionalism and the high priority given to the safe operation of the present nuclear waste facility at the Bruce site.

In closing I repeat that I support the OPG's proposed DGR project. If you have any questions please contact me.

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