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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

September 16 to October 12, 2013

**Mémoire de
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À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

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environnementales pour l'Installation de
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moyenne activité dans des couches géologiques
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To the DGR Joint Review Panel:

My name is Scott Ramage. I am a long-time resident and a retired nuclear worker from the Western Waste Management Facility (WWMF) located at the Bruce nuclear site which is owned by Ontario Power Generation (OPG). I have lived and raised a family in the village of Tiverton within close proximity to the Bruce nuclear site. I will live in this community for the rest of my life. I love the lake and I walk my dog by it every day. Since the shut-down of the Heavy Water Plant and the re-opening of Inverhuron Park, tourism has been growing more and more every year. The park is almost always full of campers and although there is a nuclear plant in full view, people feel safe. They keep coming back here.

While working at the waste site, I was a First Line Manager of Civil Maintenance. We received and stored all of the low and intermediate level waste (LLW & ILW) coming from Pickering, Darlington and the Bruce. Much of the waste that will go into the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) is already at the site. I know what is in the Low Level Storage Buildings (LLSB) because I put it there. I helped write the procedures for storing the LLW & ILW. Staff knowledge and expertise and the safety culture we operated under is second to none. We are well-regulated by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). The training program is also very committed to providing a safe operation which exceeds regulatory requirements.

For over 40 years the track record has proven itself, and now it is time to move on. The safety of above ground storage is a proven fact. The DGR will also be a safe and secure place for storage. During the last two years of my career at the waste site, I was part of the early plans for the DGR Project. The knowledge, expertise and commitment focused on this project, to me, were unbelievable. Scientists, engineers, and environment experts have been working on this concept and then project for over a decade. I believe the DGR is the only safe and secure storage option for the placement of this waste for future generations.

This community is committed to Nuclear, understands Nuclear, and this project at peak construction will create about 200 additional jobs for this area, and overall there will be about 40 – 45 permanent positions. Let the people who have the expertise continue to manage the waste safely at the Bruce nuclear site where much of it has already been safely managed for decades.

To me, the DGR is the only option. It is a safe and secure plan for today and generations to come. Do not leave this issue as a legacy to be resolved by future generations. As a person with first-hand knowledge of nuclear waste management

practices for LLW and ILW, I believe that we have to take responsibility and move to the next step which is permanent, safe storage in the DGR.

I respectfully ask the Joint Review Panel to make a recommendation to the federal Minister of Environment to accept the results of the Environmental Impact Statement which conclude the DGR can be safely constructed and operated without adverse effects, and move forward with the licensing and construction of the DGR Project.

Sincerely, 

Scott Ramage