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Written Submission from

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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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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
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Re: DGR Joint Review Panel Hearing Written-only Submission

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as my expression of support for the development and implementation of a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for low and intermediate level waste at the Ontario Power Generation facility in Bruce County.

In addition to being a long-term resident of Bruce County (54 years) and a previous three-term elected official in a local Bruce municipality, I have been associated with the Ontario nuclear industry for approximately 36 years. During my 36 years in the industry, I have witnessed first-hand the uncompromising attention to public and worker safety that is embraced by the licensed nuclear operators in Ontario. The professionalism and integrity of my industry colleagues ensures an unrelenting focus on ensuring the safety of all stakeholders.

I have reviewed the concept and the plans for the development of the DGR, and in my view the implementation of this facility will further enhance what is already one of the safest nuclear installations in the world. In addition to existing measures by utilities to reduce waste volumes at the source, the implementation of the DGR will further reduce the volume of waste and contain it in a deep stable rock formation, isolated from ground water and the environment. The concept also prevents access to the material by advanced security measures that are included in the design.

In my view, the development of the DGR represents a sound vision of safety for future generations living in the Bruce County region, and is the right technical direction for the Canadian nuclear industry in terms of dealing with low and intermediate level waste.

I urge the Joint Review Panel to endorse this project, and to encourage its development on an expedited basis.



Sincerely,
David T. Mullen