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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
moyenne activité dans des couches géologiques
profondes

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As part of the Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel Public Hearing I respectfully submit this letter of support for Ontario Power Generation's proposed construction and operation of the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) in the Municipality of Kincardine in the County of Bruce.

As a recent retired nuclear energy worker my support is based on a background of a strong safety and environmental conscience. I have participated in awareness sessions with regards to both the technical and social/economic impacts of the project. I firmly believe in the proposed project from the perspective the proposed DGR will be constructed and operated in a land mass that has all the right geological elements to ensure the safe disposal of the low and intermediate waste. I have no issues regarding the proximity to Lake Huron as the proposed operation is far below the lake bed and the conditions of the geology prevent any migration of cross contaminants.

From an "operation of the proposed DGR" perspective I based my support on past practice. As history is a good measurement of the future I believe the operation of the proposed DGR should always remain in the public's hands. Ontario Power Generation is the current operator of the Western Nuclear Waste Management Facility and Ontario Power Generation or the equivalent thereof must always be the operator of the DGR, Ontario Power Generation has proven to be an excellent operator upholding the highest standards of both employee and nuclear safety.

I currently live in the Municipality of Saugeen Shores approximately 20 kilometers from the proposed DGR site. My family and myself have no issues with the project and would welcome a positive outcome of this environmental assessment review.

Submitted for your consideration, I remain

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