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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

September 16 to October 12, 2013

**Mémoire de
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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

Commission d'examen conjoint

16 septembre au 12 octobre 2013

Dear Joint Review Panel,

The Deep Geologic Repository project poses grave, unacceptable risks. Lake Huron is a particularly important area, as a significant source of freshwater, for the ecosystems it contains, and its connectivity with the rest of the great lakes system and the global system of water supply. The environmental threats posed are severe, and if the Project is implemented, contamination will not be avoidable even with the best technology and application. Compounding this, recovery from the environmental impact is not possible within many lifetimes.

Such an extreme case as this requires transparency and public awareness, in sharp contrast with the secrecy and clandestine process currently underway.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heather Spence, Marine Biologist