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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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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

Hello:

I have registered for a written submission back in July/2013 and that submission can be found below. If you have any questions I can be contact at the email address above.

I am a retiree from the site and worked on the site starting in 1971. I have seen the Candu system grow over the years into a safe, efficient and green energy source for the people of Ontario. It has become the base-load source of energy for the province and replaced our dependence on coal-fired energy.

I was also involved with the community of Port Elgin being on council for 10 years, 6 of those years as the town Mayor. I have seen the town grow over the years and the impact the Bruce site has had on the community. Ontario Hydro for many years supported the community in many ways. I was involved with the Community impact grant committee and many other joint efforts over the years. I have witnessed a continued support for the site over the years by the permanent population of the County of Bruce. The population has always been well informed about the site and its many projects. I feel that this project has followed the same process. I feel the community has been informed, involved and supports this project. This project only involves low and intermediate waste and the people in this area know this and support the goal of a long term safe storage of this waste.

We know where it comes from, know it is located here now and that it is handled safely. We also know it needs to be handled for a longer period of time. Since we have been involved in this process it only makes sense that we need to be involved in this issue for the long term. I support the idea that the waste in contained and can be managed versus the pre-nuclear days when as a society we put everything into the air and water with very little controls.

The studies have been completed on the suitability of the site, the type of impact it will have on our surroundings and the stability of the location. I support that the site will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on our area. I feel the people in Bruce County understand the project and support its location at the site. This is a safer way to manage the low and intermediate waste produced in this Province and can be effectively stored at the Bruce site..

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