



Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council

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Re: CNWC comments in regards to further information submitted by OPG in regards to the DGR project.

The Canadian Nuclear Workers Council (CNWC) is the collective voice of organized labour in Canada's Nuclear Industries.

Our member Unions are located in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and New Brunswick. Several of our member Unions in Ontario will be directly involved with the DGR project.

The CNWC and some of our member unions have been involved with this project since its inception. We have participated as positive interventions in the public hearings conducted by the Joint Review Panel (JRP).

Several Representatives from our member unions have toured facilities similar to the DGR. So are very familiar with the operation of these types of operations.

We have reviewed the documentation that OPG has submitted at the request of the Minister.

Specifically, the CNWC is very concerned that the study indicated that that there will be increased worker radiation exposure during waste transportation of the low and intermediate waste to an alternate site. The CNWC also suggest that this will also increase the risk of radiation exposure to the public.

We fully support OPG's conclusion "that there will be more environmental effects of a DGR at an alternate location" it is also reassuring that the OPG study is supported by a panel of international experts.

The Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council is comprised of Locals of the following organizations: District Labour Councils (Grey/Bruce, Durham, Northumberland) * International Association of Firefighters (160) * International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (608)* International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (37)* Power Workers' Union * Professional Institute of the Public Service * Public Service Alliance of Canada * United Steelworkers of America * Society of Energy Professionals Union * Society of Professional Engineers and Associates Union* UNIFOR (the Union of Canada) (S-48, O-599 & O-252) * United Steel Workers (14193, 13173, 8562, 8914 & 7806) * International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers Union * Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario*

The CNWC suggest that the public will not accept the movement of the low and intermediate level waste to an alternate site. It is also suggested that it will be unlikely that a community as receptive as the community surrounding the proposed DGR will be found to accept the waste.

To demonstrate this, a few years ago negative public opinion developed in communities along the transportation route that was to be used for the shipment of steam generators from the Bruce Site that were considered to be low level waste. This public opinion resulted in the cancellation of the plan to ship this equipment which contained extremely low levels of radiation. The steam generators were to be shipped to Sweden. It is unlikely that this public attitude has softened and that any movement of waste from the Bruce Site would face the same opposition.

The CNWC is in full support of the conclusions in the OPG's study. That conclusion is that "the DGR Project at the Bruce Nuclear site remains the preferred location".

The CNWC believes that the science supports this project and we strongly urge the Minister to approve the DGR project as recommended by the Joint Review Panel.

Submitted by,

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