



CANADIAN
NUCLEAR
WORKERS' COUNCIL

SUBMISSION TO THE
CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION

In the matter of

**RELICENSING OF THE
POINT LEPREAU NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION**

MARCH 26, 2017

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. A list of our member unions is attached as Appendix A

The CNWC has reviewed the information provided by the licensee, NB Power as well as the CNSC Staff's report. The CNWC is in full support of the CNSC Staff's recommendation for a five year license renewal.

The CNWC will comment on the following areas of the license application:

- Conventional Health & Safety
- Radiation Protection
- Environmental Protection
- General Comments & Conclusions

Conventional Health & Safety

The CNWC and our member unions place worker health and safety very high on our agenda. When worker safety is a priority the result is a safe workplace. A safe workplace helps ensure the public that the power plant is safe for the community.

The onsite Union, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) local 37 represents the majority of the workers (800+) at the Point Lepreau Nuclear Power Plant. This local Union is and has been for many years a very active member of the CNWC.

IBEW local 37 works very closely with their employer on worker health and safety issues and policies. The IBEW International Union is strongly dedicated to worker health and safety and also supports local 37 when required.

It is a well-known fact that a unionized workplace is a safer workplace than a non-unionized workplace.

IBEW local 37 will provide the Commission with a more in depth information on their worker health and safety programs with the licensee.

From the above the Commission and the public can be assured that any issues regarding worker or public health and safety will be addressed immediately by the IBEW.

The CNWC supports the CNSC Staff's conclusion that "NB Power's conventional health & safety program continues to meet or exceed regulatory requirements."

Radiation Protection

As can be seen from the data provided by the licensee and the CNSC Staff, worker radiation exposure is well below limits and the ALARA principle is practiced. As with conventional health and safety the local union works closely with their employer to ensure that this high standard of worker protection is maintained.

The CNWC supports the CNSC Staff's conclusion that "NB Power continues to meet regulatory requirements and make adequate provisions for the protection of persons from radiation at Point Le Preau NGS."

Environmental Protection

The Unionized workers at the plant live in the communities in the vicinity of the power plant. They are naturally concerned about the environment. These workers are involved with the environmental programs and monitoring at the facility.

The Commission and the public can be assured that any environmental issue or any potential Issue that could affect the environment will be addresses immediately.

The CNWC supports the CNSC Staff's conclusion that "there are no significant concerns related to health and safety or the environment. "

General Comments & Conclusions

The CNWC conducted their annual Convention at Saint John NB in 2014, this event included a tour of the Point le Preau NGS. This provided an opportunity for representatives to see first-hand the operation of the NGS and to hear from the workers. The Conference also provided workers from across the nuclear industry an opportunity to discuss health and safety, radiation protection, environment, public concern issues with the worker representatives from Point LePreau NGS. The conclusion of these delegates who are nuclear worker experts was that the NGS was a very safe place to work.

The CNWC assures the Commission that any issue that arises that has the possibility of affecting the safety of the workers, the public, or the environment will be immediately addressed by the onsite Union or the CNWC.

The CNWC is in full support of the License renewal of NB Power's Point LePreau NGS for a five year period.

Respectfully submitted by

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APPENDIX A

Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council Member Unions

**International Association of Firefighters
Local 160**

**International Association of Machinist & Aerospace Workers
Local 608**

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local 37 & 863**

**INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL Federation of Professional & technical Engineers
(IFPTE) Local 164**

Power Workers Union

**Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPS)
CRPEG & WRPEG**

**United Steel Workers
Locals 8914, 7806, 14193, 13713, 8562, 1568**

Society of Energy Professionals IFPTE Local 160

Society of Professional Engineers & Associates (Candu Inc)

Ontario Building & Construction Trades Council

Grey Bruce Labour Council

Durham Region Labour Council

Northumberland Labour Council

**International Union of Operating Engineers
Local 776**

**UNIFOR
Locals 252- O, 599 –O, 48 – S, 524 – O, 252**