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Ms. Stella Swanson  
Joint Review Panel Chair  
Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel  
280 Slater Street  
Ottawa ON K1P 5S9

Dear Ms. Swanson:

I am writing to inform you that I have directed Ontario Power Generation to gather additional information and conduct additional studies in relation to the Deep Geologic Repository for Low- and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Waste Project pursuant to my authority under subsection 47(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). I have attached a copy of this letter for your reference.

In my letter to Ontario Power Generation, you will note that I have asked that a schedule be provided indicating a timeline for the submission of the studies and additional information. Once I have received this schedule from Ontario Power Generation, I will contact you regarding the role of the Joint Review Panel in the review of these studies and additional information.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

c.c.: Mr. Ron Hallman, President, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
Dr. Michael Binder, President, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission





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Ms. Laurie Swami  
Vice-President  
Nuclear Services  
Ontario Power Generation  
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Dear Ms. Swami:

After considering the Joint Review Panel Environmental Assessment Report for the Deep Geologic Repository for Low- and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Waste Project (the Project), I am of the view that further information and/or studies are required before I make my environmental assessment decisions and issue my Decision Statement under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) for the Project.

Pursuant to subsection 47(2) of CEAA 2012, I, therefore, require Ontario Power Generation to collect the following information and undertake the following studies:

- A study that details the environmental effects of technically and economically feasible alternate locations for the Project, with specific reference to actual locations that would meet Ontario Power Generation's criteria for technical and economic feasibility. In conducting this study, Ontario Power Generation is to detail the thresholds for what is considered to be technically and economically feasible. In addition, Ontario Power Generation is to indicate what the incremental costs and risks would be for additional off-site transportation of the nuclear waste.
- An updated analysis of the cumulative environmental effects of the Project in light of the results from the Phase 1 Preliminary Assessments undertaken by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, which identified three potential host communities that fall within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

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- An updated list of mitigation commitments for each identified adverse effect under CEAA 2012. Ontario Power Generation shall identify out-dated or redundant commitments that were previously brought forward to the Panel.

I would ask that Ontario Power Generation inform the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, no later than April 18, 2016, when it anticipates being in a position to submit the requested studies and additional information.

Sincerely,

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