



June 15, 2020

Ms. Rumina Velshi
President
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street
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Dear Ms. Velshi:

I am providing an update on the status of the environmental assessment for Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project (the Project) located near Kincardine, Ontario.

The environmental assessment of the Project was referred to a review panel in June 2007. In January 2012, the former Minister of the Environment entered into an agreement to establish a Joint Review Panel with Mr. Michael Binder, the former President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, and the three members of the Joint Review Panel were appointed.

On May 6, 2015, the Joint Review Panel submitted its report containing its conclusions and recommendations on the Project.

In its letter of May 27, 2020, Ontario Power Generation indicated that it had withdrawn its application for a Site Preparation and Construction Licence under the *Canadian Nuclear and Safety Act* and requested that the Project be withdrawn from the federal environmental assessment process. I have accepted Ontario Power Generation's request and have terminated the environmental assessment pursuant to section 62 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*.

Ontario Power Generation's letter and a Notice of Termination will be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada will also notify Indigenous groups who were being consulted on the Project of the termination of the environmental assessment.

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I have noted to the proponent that the termination of the federal environmental assessment does not limit the future application of federal environmental assessment legislation. Should Ontario Power Generation or any other proponent propose this or a similar project at a future date, the new project would be considered pursuant to the requirements of *Impact Assessment Act*.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

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