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Deep Geologic Repository Project
Project Manager
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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Dear Project Manager:

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative), a coalition of 128 mayors from the United State and Canada, is pleased to submit these comments regarding the Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) in Kincardine, Ontario near Lake Huron. The proposed DGR is of great significance to Canadians and Americans in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin for a number of reasons.

As citizens and leaders of this region, we are stewards to one of the largest sources of surface fresh water in the world and have the responsibility to protect, restore, and sustain this shared resource for ourselves and all future generations. The Great Lakes serve as the drinking water supply for over 40 million people, define our history and culture, and support the third largest regional economy in the world.

The Cities Initiative represents over 17 million people from the United States and Canada who work together to protect, restore, and assure the long term sustainability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. We are pleased that OPG has proposed steps to improve the status of long-term radioactive waste but still find the current state of affairs concerning.

The Government of Canada must pick a location for long-term radioactive waste management that reduces the risk of contamination to the people and waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin to the greatest extent possible. Decision-making must take into account the complete life-cycle of radioactive waste, including the handling, transportation, and disposal.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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