

## Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel

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**Subject: Direction to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority to Participate in the Deep Geologic Repository Project Public Hearing Process**

Dear Mr. Senior:

The Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel has announced that it has sufficient information to proceed to a public hearing for the project. The hearing will commence on September 16, 2013 at a venue in the project area. Please see the attached News Release for further details. Officials at the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will be notified of the hearing venue(s) and logistics in the near future when our plans are finalized.

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority has reviewed the EIS for issues applicable to its mandate. In its letter of May 23, 2013, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority identified five areas that are relevant to its role as the local watershed management agency. Several interested parties have written to the Panel during the review and comment period to express their concern regarding potential adverse effects to land and water from the project. Given the its enumerated responsibilities and the questions raised through the comment period, it is essential that the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority participate in the upcoming public hearing. The Panel requires the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority to provide a written submission, make an oral presentation and participate actively in the public hearing.

The representatives who appear at the hearing should be well versed with respect to the proposed project and its potential effects on the area(s) of interest to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and possess the expertise necessary to answer questions from the Panel and other hearing participants. The Panel notes that representatives with expertise in the following areas should be present at the hearing: flooding, stormwater management, wetlands, watershed management and monitoring.

A copy of the public hearing procedures which outlines submission deadlines is enclosed for your reference. Should you have any questions regarding the project, the review, or the public hearing phase, do not hesitate to contact one of the Panel Co-Managers, Kelly McGee at (613) 947-3710 or Debra Myles at (613) 957-0626. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel

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