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**Subject:** Letter and Information from the DGR Joint Review Panel

**Importance:** High

Mr. Rafi

Please find a letter of direction from the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) Joint Review Panel, attached. The Panel requests your immediate attention in this matter.

For your information, I have also attached is a summary of provincial involvement required by the Panel in the public hearing.

I am looking forward to hearing from your representative next week,

*Debra Myles*

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August 22, 2013

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**Subject: Participation of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
in the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) Public Hearing Process**

Dear Mr. Rafi:

I refer you to the June 18, 2013 letter from the Joint Review Panel inviting the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to participate in the DGR public hearing (public registry [Doc #1193](#)). No response was received by the Panel to this invitation.

The Panel understands that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care does not have technical expertise or legislative authority in relation to the proposed project. However, in their hearing submissions, participants have commented on issues such as the following:

- physical, mental and social well-being;
  - health effects associated with air quality, emissions, and noise;
  - cancer incidence;
  - the relationship between health and wellness and socio-economic conditions;
- and,  
the validity of data on health and wellness indicators presented by Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Please see the following hearing submissions as examples: [Doc #1298](#), [Doc #1373](#), [Doc #1387](#), [Doc #1378](#), [Doc #1396](#), [Doc #1413](#).

The Panel has therefore determined that it requires a representative of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to be available to answer questions from the Panel on such issues should they arise at the Human Health hearing session on Friday, September 27, 2013. The Panel's preference is that the representative appears in person at the hearing in Kincardine, Ontario; however, if that is not possible, he/she may follow the hearing proceedings on the live Webcast and participate by phone.

Please have your representative contact Panel Co-Manager, Debra Myles, at 613-957-0626 or [debra.myles@ceaa-acee.gc.ca](mailto:debra.myles@ceaa-acee.gc.ca) to confirm the logistics related to the

required participation of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in the DGR hearing.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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Chair, Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel

c.c.: James F. Archibald, Joint Review Panel Member  
Gunter Muecke, Joint Review Panel Member

David Hallett, Associate Deputy Minister  
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health

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## Joint Review Panel Hearing – Provincial Ministry Participation

September 16 to October 5, 2013  
Royal Canadian Legion  
MacDonald Branch 183, Kincardine  
219 Lambton Street  
Kincardine, Ontario

October 7 to October 12, 2013  
Saugeen Shores Community Complex  
Rotary Hall  
600 Tomlinson Drive  
Port Elgin, Ontario

Below are the hearing sessions/dates for each provincial ministry where a representative is expected to either make a presentation or be otherwise available. Please note that the schedule is subject to change in advance of or at the hearing.

The Panel expects the primary presenter to appear at the hearing in person unless there are extenuating circumstances that make this very difficult or impossible. Additional subject matter experts or resource persons may be connected by phone if it is impractical for them to appear in person. Note that the time allotted for the presentation is the expected maximum length.

Where a ministry is required to be available, the Panel expects that a representative will attend the hearing in person or will follow the live Webcast of the proceedings and be prepared and available by phone to answer any questions from the Panel that may arise.

### **Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs**

Oct 7 – available (Aboriginal Issues)

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

Oct 9 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)  
Oct 10 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)

### **Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management**

Sept 24 – 30 minute presentation (Malfunctions, Accidents and Malevolent Acts)  
Oct 9 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)  
Oct 10 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)

### **Ontario Ministry of Energy**

Sept 25 – available (Atmospheric Environment – Air Quality & Noise and General)

### **Ontario Ministry of the Environment**

Sept 25 – 30 minute presentation (Atmospheric Environment – Air Quality & Noise and General)  
Sept 26 – available (Terrestrial, including species at risk)  
Sept 30 – available (Aquatic – Groundwater)

- Oct 1 – 15 minute presentation (Aquatic – Surface Water, Habitat, & Aquatic Biota)
- Oct 2 – available (Aquatic – Lake Huron)
- Oct 3 – available (Environmental Assessment Issues)
- Oct 5 – available (Follow-Up Monitoring & Communication and Consultation)
- Oct 7 – 15 minute presentation (Aboriginal Interests)
- Oct 8 – 15 minute presentation (Licensing, Permits & Authorizations)

### **Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**

- Sept 27 – available (Human Health)

### **Ontario Ministry of Labour**

- Sept 24 – 30 minute presentation (Malfunctions, Accidents and Malevolent Acts)
- Sept 25 – available (Atmospheric Environment – Air Quality & Noise and General)
- Oct 9 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)
- Oct 10 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)

### **Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

- Oct 9 – 30 minute presentation (Socio-Economic Issues)

### **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**

- Sept 18 – 15 minute presentation (Site Characterization)
- Sept 19 – available (Long-Term Performance and Safety Case)
- Sept 20 – available (Long-Term Performance and Safety Case)
- Sept 26 – available (Terrestrial, including species at risk)
- Oct 1 – available (Aquatic – Surface Water, Habitat, & Aquatic Biota)
- Oct 2 – 15 minute presentation (Aquatic – Lake Huron)

### **Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**

- Sept 18 – 30 minute presentation (Site Characterization)
- Sept 19 – available (Long-Term Performance and Safety Case)
- Sept 20 – available (Long-Term Performance and Safety Case)
- Sept 30 – 30 minute presentation (Aquatic – Groundwater)
- Oct 5 – available (Follow-Up Monitoring & Communication and Consultation)

### **Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

- Oct 9 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)
- Oct 10 – 30 minute presentation (Socio-Economic Issues)

### **Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport**

- Oct 9 – available (Socio-Economic Issues)
- Oct 10 – 30 minute presentation (Socio-Economic Issues)