

June 9, 2014

Paul Evans
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Subject: Participation of the Ontario Ministry of Environment in Additional Public Hearing Days for the Deep Geologic Repository Project

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Joint Review Panel for the Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste project (DGR) has scheduled additional public hearing days to address the subjects of information requests issued by the Panel since November 2013. The hearing will commence on September 9, 2014 and will continue over approximately two weeks at the Royal Canadian Legion in Kincardine, Ontario. Please see the attached [Public Notice](#) for further details.

The subjects to be addressed at the additional public hearing days are as follows:

1. Methodology used to determine the significance of adverse environmental effects
2. Updates to the geoscientific verification plan
3. Expansion plans for the DGR project
4. Relative risk analysis of alternative means of carrying out the project
5. Implications of revisions to the reference waste inventory
6. Applicability of recent incidents at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) to the safety case for the DGR project.

The participation of your ministry is required in relation to hearing subject 1- Methodology used to determine the significance of environmental effects; subject 3- Expansion plans for the DGR project; and subject 4- Relative risk analysis of alternative means of carrying out the project (<100 year scenario). Representatives of the Ministry of the Environment with expertise in Air Quality and Water Quality will need to be available to answer any questions that the Panel may have on these subjects as it relates to the mandate and area of expertise of your ministry.

In advance of the public hearing, the Panel requires your ministry to provide a written review of the Ontario Power Generation response to the air quality section of Information Request EIS-12-510 as well as the responses to EIS-12-512, EIS 12a-512 (air quality and surface water quality) and EIS-12-513 (with emphasis on the comparisons among alternatives in the <100 year timeframe) in the context of your ministry's mandate and expertise.

A copy of the amended [public hearing procedures](#) is enclosed for your reference. Please pay particular attention to the July 7, 2014 deadline for written submissions. Please note that the Panel will issue a hearing schedule outlining the session subjects, times and the order of presenters a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the start of the hearing.

Please have your representative contact either Panel Co-Manager, Kelly McGee at (613) 947-3710 or Debra Myles at (613) 957-0626 to arrange for the participation of your ministry. 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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