

June 9, 2014

Helen Angus
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**Subject: Participation of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in
Additional Public Hearing Days for the Deep Geologic Repository Project**

Dear Ms. Angus:

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 Panel does not require your ministry to actively participate in the hearing; however, it does expect a representative(s) to be available to answer any questions that the Panel may have related to human health issues. More specially, the Panel anticipates that the Medical Officer of Health for the Grey-Bruce County will be available should the Panel require this resource.

A copy of the amended [public hearing procedures](#) is enclosed for your reference. 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; at that time, the specific day or days when ministry representatives or the Medical Officer of Health may be called upon will be provided to you.

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

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