

June 9, 2014

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**Subject: Participation of the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
in Additional Public Hearing Days for the Deep Geologic Repository
Project**

Dear Mr. Ross:

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 4 - Relative risk analysis of alternative means of carrying out the project. A representative of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines will need to be available to answer any questions that the Panel may have on this subject as it relates to the mandate and area of expertise of your ministry.

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 your Ministry representatives will 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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Stella Swanson
Chair, Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel

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

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