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Subject: Presentation by Natural Resources Canada in Additional Public Hearing Days for the Deep Geologic Repository Project

Dear Mr. Dupont:

On behalf of the Joint Review Panel for the Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste project (DGR), I acknowledge receipt of your July 7, 2014 written submission addressing the subjects of information requests issued by the Panel since November 2013. Based on its review of the submission, the Panel requests that Natural Resources Canada representatives be present to make an oral presentation summarizing its review and conclusions relating to the topic of:

• Updates to the geoscientific verification plan.

Please confirm your staff's availability for this presentation on Thursday September 18, 2014. In addition to the Panel's request that Natural Resources Canada present on this date, you are also asked to be on standby on September 11, 12, 15 and 16. The subject for September 11 and 12 is the risk analysis of alternative means, for September 15 the topic is significance of adverse effects and on September 16, the Panel will be reviewing the cumulative effects of the proposed expansion. For days on which you are asked to be on standby, it is sufficient for you to have the appropriate subject-matter experts following the live webcast and easily contacted by telephone if there are questions. For that purpose, the Panel Secretariat will need the list of people you propose to have on standby, their titles and contact information.

As previously noted, the hearing will resume on September 9, 2014 and will continue over approximately two weeks at the Royal Canadian Legion, 219 Lambton Street, Kincardine, Ontario. The Panel will issue a detailed hearing

schedule next week with a complete list of hearing session subjects and presenters. If you choose to use presentation materials, these should be submitted by August 25, 2014. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact either myself at (613) 947-3710 or my Co-Manager, Debra Myles, at (613) 957-0626.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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