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Subject: Conformity Review of Ontario Power Generation's Response to the Request for Additional Information for the Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Waste Project

On January 3, 2017, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) received a request from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) to provide advice on whether the information provided in OPG's submission contains sufficient information to allow a technical review to be completed.

Based on our review for conformity, it is NRCan's opinion that the documents submitted by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) contain sufficient information to initiate a technical review of the submission within the scope of our departmental subject matter expertise.

At the Agency's request, NRCan's review of this project will relate to technical information that falls within our departmental mandate, including:

- Groundwater and hydrogeology; and
- Seismicity and seismic hazards.

NRCan may also issue a licence under the *Explosives Act* related to the proposed project.

Please note that our review did not consider OPG's assessment of the economic feasibility of alternate locations, as the department does not possess such expertise.

If you have any questions or require clarification on our comments please feel free to contact me at <contact information removed>.

Sincerely,

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