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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Deep Geologic Repository Project Attn: Robyn-Lynn Virtue 160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor Place Bell Canada Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

Subject: Health Canada's 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

Dear Ms. Virtue:

Thank you for the letter dated January 03, 2017 from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency), requesting Health Canada to conduct a conformity review of the additional information submitted by Ontario Power Generation (the proponent) for the proposed Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Waste Project (the Project). Health Canada has participated in the environmental assessment review of the Project as a Federal Authority under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (the Act).

As per the Agency's request, Health Canada has reviewed the additional information provided regarding 1) Alternate Locations, 2) Cumulative Effect Analysis and 3) Mitigation Commitments. Health Canada has determined that there is sufficient information to begin technical review in our area of expertise. Health Canada has no comments to provide relating to the conformity review of the additional qualitative information and analysis. However, Health Canada may have comments to provide during the technical review period.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review process. Should the Agency have any questions regarding this response or identify any specific human health concerns with respect to the Project, Health Canada would be pleased to provide information as a Federal Authority, pursuant to the Act.

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Sincerely,

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