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ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 17, 2017

Ms. Lise Morton Vice President, Nuclear Waste Management Ontario Power Generation 177 Tie Road, 821 Tiverton, ON NOG 2TO

Dear Ms. Morton:

SUBJECT: Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive

Waste Project – Results of the Conformity Review of Ontario Power Generation's Response to the Ministerial Request for Additional

Information

On December 28, 2016, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) received Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) response to the request by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) for additional information relating to the Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project (the Project). The Agency reviewed OPG's response in light of requirements in Minister's letter that was sent to you on February 18, 2016, as well as the Agency's letter of September 7, 2016 that outlined the process to review the additional information.

On January 5, 2016, the Agency discussed with you the requirement for an Addendum to clarify the linkages between OPG's updated Mitigation Measures Report and the recommendations of the Joint Review Panel as outlined in its report of May 2015. This table was provided as an Addendum and Errata on January 13, 2017 and posted on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (the Registry) (CEAR #2902).

The Agency has concluded the conformity review and, after taking into consideration the comments received, has determined that OPG's response conforms to the Minister's request and that the technical review can begin. Conformance at this stage does not imply that the information provided is adequate to fulfil the Minister's request. The Agency may ask for further information once it has conducted the technical review.

The Agency will now begin a comment period by the public, Indigenous groups and expert federal departments, including the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The comment period will start on January 18, 2017 and end on February 17, 2017. The Agency may issue Information Requests to OPG based on the results of the technical review, taking into consideration input received from public, Indigenous groups and federal departments.

At this time, I encourage you to take into consideration the conformity review responses from the federal expert departments, which were posted on the Registry on January 16, 2017. The letters contain preliminary advice to OPG and identify subject areas that will be further examined during the technical review.





Please contact me if you require further information. I can be reached at 613-957-0301 or CEAA.DGR.Project-Projet.DGR.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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