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Subject: Port Hope Requests

This is further to correspondence sent to you by Linda Thompson, Mayor of Port Hope regarding an upcoming W-FIVE program dealing with Port Hope.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regulates to protect the health, safety and security of Canadians as well as the environment.

In Port Hope, the CNSC regulates and licenses the ongoing operation of two uranium processing and fuel fabrication facilities Cameco and Zircotec. In addition, the CNSC licences Cameco and AECL to manage legacy waste facilities in the region.

In order to get and keep a licence, a licensee must demonstrate that it will operate safely. Additionally, applications for a licence are only issued after a thorough review. The review is done in a transparent manner through a hearing process that includes public participation and input. Both Cameco and Zircotec have demonstrated to the Commission Tribunal that they have appropriate programs in place to protect the environment, and the health and safety of Canadians. Transcripts and decisions of all public hearings can be found on our website (www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca). All other supporting evidence is made available upon request.

In addition, CNSC staff regularly inspects nuclear facilities to ensure that licensees are in compliance with the conditions of their licences. In carrying out these inspections, the CNSC collaborates with other regulatory agencies such as the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE), Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada and Health Canada.

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Health Canada has been actively involved in various studies of health effects, environmental exposures and other activities in Port Hope. Studies were also conducted by researchers of accredited universities and other recognized scientific organizations. Based on these studies, Health Canada has determined that the health of the community of Port Hope is not at risk. CNSC relies on the conclusions of these studies in determining the health impact on the community and that the facilities are operating in a safe manner. This expert assurance is supplemented by our rigorous regulatory oversight without any compromises to safety.

In conclusion, I wish to reassure Canadians that the CNSC performs ongoing monitoring, measuring and evaluation of all the nuclear facilities in Canada, using the most up-to-date scientific knowledge and techniques.

Should you wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-992-8828.

Yours sincerely,



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