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PORT HOPE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office (LLRWMO), as project proponent, has submitted its Environmental Assessment Study Report for the Port Hope Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project (Port Hope Project) to the federal departments which are responsible for the environmental assessment of the Project - Natural Resources Canada, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The Environmental Assessment Study Report is the LLRWMO assessment of the environmental effects of the proposed project. It is intended to meet the information requirements outlined in the document, *Scope of the Environmental Assessment for the Port Hope Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project*. The scope document establishing the terms of reference for the environmental assessment of the Project, was released by the responsible authorities in July 2002 after consulting with the public. The environmental assessment of the Port Hope Project is being conducted according to the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)*.

The responsible authorities are now reviewing the LLRWMO's Environmental Assessment Study Report to assess its completeness and technical soundness. Federal authorities and Ontario ministries providing expert technical advice to the responsible authorities in this Government review include Transport Canada, Health Canada, Environment Canada, the Ontario ministries of Environment, Natural Resources and Culture, and the Ontario Provincial Police. Once accepted as satisfactory by the responsible authorities, the Environmental Assessment Study Report will be used as the basis for developing the Government's screening report on the Port Hope Project. The screening report will be prepared by the responsible authorities pursuant to section 18(1) of the *CEAA*. It will represent the Governments's view of the environmental effects of the Project and will contain the findings and conclusions of the responsible authorities. The public will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the screening report before it is finalized.

The LLRWMO's Environmental Assessment Study Report for the Port Hope Project and any comments arising from the Government's review can be accessed by the public through the Port Hope Project Public registry. A listing of all documents on the public registry can be obtained through the Project Information Exchange or by contacting Natural Resources Canada at phai.irph@nrcan.gc.ca. A copy of all documents on the public registry has been placed at the

Project Information Exchange located at 110 Walton Street, Port Hope, ON, L1A 3V9
Tel.: (905) 885-0291, Toll-free: 1-866-255-2755, [E-mail: info@llrwmo.org](mailto:info@llrwmo.org).

Copies of the LLRWMO's Environmental Assessment Study Report for the Port Hope Project can also be found at:

Port Hope Public Library
31 Queen Street
Port Hope, Ontario

Bowmanville Branch - Clarington Public Library
62 Temperance Street
Bowmanville, Ontario

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