



**Written submission from  
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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,  
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

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**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,  
centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

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Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear  
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the  
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période  
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un  
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale  
nucléaire de Pickering

**Commission Public Hearing – Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission –  
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Attn: Ms. Louise Levert, Senior Tribunal Officer

Re: Pickering Nuclear Site License Renewal

As a life long resident and business owner in Pickering, I wanted to give my opinion on the upcoming OPG renewal application for the Pickering nuclear site.

I am proud of being part of the Pickering community. I live here. I run my business here. I played community sports here growing up. I co-chair the health and wellness committee in our local board of trade. I remember how cool it was seeing the nuclear plant in my high school science text books. I work out here. I hike here. I plan for my family to grow here. Pickering is home.

All of this leads me to need to be frank, my safety concerns regarding the Pickering nuclear site is as minimal as could be. Are there risks associated with nuclear power? Absolutely. Are these risks outweighed by the immense benefits? It is not even close. Health. Safety. Economic. There is not aspect to our society that is not better off having the Pickering nuclear station running as long as possible.

While I have always felt safe living and working in Pickering, recent changes in my life demonstrate my level of confidence in Ontario's nuclear safety.

Two years ago, I moved to the base of Liverpool Road. My kitchen and balcony look over the nuclear station. My girlfriend can see it from her home office. I am building out my new health care office, at the corner of Bayly Street and Sandy Beach Road as I write this. Not only am I unconcerned about my proximity to a nuclear power station. The risk of being in such close proximity never even came into consideration in my decision making processes.

I have had countless friends, family, colleagues, and patients work at various levels at nuclear sites in Ontario. From kitchen workers, to managing engineers, to security managers, to administration. It continues to impress me the level and depth and quality OPG implements in everything they do. This is exemplified when it comes to major safety concerns.

I have been involved with many corporate organizations, in a variety of industries. I have never seen such a relentless commitment to ensuring excellence in their systems and processes.

If the exemplary safety record of the Pickering nuclear site was not enough, what is a viable alternative? Burning fossil fuels down the street causing immense short and long term health problems while destroying our environment? A windmill in every back yard exposing the entire population to high levels of electromagnetic fields? Every rooftop requiring solar panels? There simply is not another viable option.

From an economic, health, and especially safety point of view, it is clear. The best option to power our community is to maximize the usefulness of existing nuclear plants. This includes Pickering.

Be well, be awesome;

Dr. Christopher Small