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Dear Reader

I am writing this letter in response to news of the SMRs.

Firstly, I am asking that any discussions of SMRs be transparent and disclosed to the public especially each potentially affected communities of the north and the communities within their regions. So, for example, Ignace and Pickle Lake and Thunder Bay should have this information readily available to them if for example Osnaburgh or Wabigoon or Eagle Lake reserves we're to be considered as SMR recipients.

Secondly, it is also important that the SMRs be subject to an impact assessment under Canada's new Environmental Assessment law.

Thirdly, I sincerely question the logic behind the placement of SMRs in the Northern Indigenous communities because of the radioactive components of the SMRs. These communities often suffer the consequences of a lot of vandalism and the vandalism of an SMR is life threatening and has long term consequences for the entire community. Many are lacking in prompt policing and given the increased potential of forest fires due to climate changes and given their isolation issues and road issues that may prohibit assistance coming in, it is imperative that the CNSC and the industry not place SMRs in northern indigenous communities.

Lastly, it is of serious concern that the SMRs are even licensed because no where does a sound safety case exist yet that provides for the long term storage of radio radioactive wastes. No DGR has yet been proven to be the answer to this issue nor are shallow rock caverns appropriate repositories for long term storage of radioactive wastes. Until such time that CNSC can say that there is a permanent resolution to the waste issue it is irresponsible for them to go any further and should therefore not license SMRs.

I would appreciate a response to my concerns. I am a board member of Environment North and the nuclear lead.

Respectfully,  
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