

May 27, 2020

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**THE HONOURABLE JONATHAN WILKINSON**  
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Environment and Climate Change Canada  
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Dear Minister Wilkinson:

**Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (L&ILW DGR) Project**

Reference 1. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Letter, Honourable C. McKenna to L. Morton, August 21, 2017, CD# 00216-CORR-00521-00016 [CEAA Registry #3807]

Further to the correspondence of August 21, 2017, in Reference 1, the purpose of this letter is to advise you on the status of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Low and Intermediate Level Deep Geologic Repository Project (L&ILW DGR Project).

OPG and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) have had continuous, respectful and good faith engagement regarding the DGR project for over 15 years. On January 31, 2020, the SON leadership advised OPG that the SON Communities had voted and determined that they do not support OPG's project for a L&ILW DGR in their territory (attached).

Accordingly, and consistent with OPG's commitment to the SON, OPG has informed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) that we do not intend to carry out the Project and have asked that the application for a Site Preparation and Construction Licence be withdrawn. Similarly, OPG requests the Minister to cancel the environmental assessment for the Project.

In so doing we wish to acknowledge SON's commitment and efforts in engaging with OPG and its community members on the L&ILW DGR Project. SON's decision is significant for both SON and OPG and OPG remains committed to continuing dialogue with SON.

OPG also acknowledges the work of the federally appointed Joint Review Panel. The JRP concluded in 2015 after a four-year review of 12,000 pages of evidence, and participation by 300 interested individuals and organizations, that the science and safety case for the DGR were solid, the facility would have protected people and the environment in the very long term, and the Bruce site was appropriate.

We also wish to acknowledge the support for the DGR project over the past 15 years from local municipalities, including host community Kincardine and the four adjacent municipalities, all of which participated in the public review process and passed multiple resolutions in favour of the proposed facility as a lasting solution for the waste.

OPG remains committed to developing an alternate solution for the safe and permanent disposal of the radioactive waste from its owned nuclear generating stations.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,



Lise Morton  
Vice President  
Nuclear Waste Management

Attach.

cc: Chief Greg Nadjiwon, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation  
Chief Lester Anoquot, Saugeen First Nation  
The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources  
David McGovern, President, Impact Assessment Agency  
Rumina Velshi, President, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
Haidy Tadros, Director General/Fuel Cycle and Facilities Regulation, CNSC

Attached to OPG Letter, L. Morton to Minister Wilkinson, "Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (L&ILW DGR) Project,"  
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**ATTACHMENT**

**Re: SON Ratification Vote Results for Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (L&ILW DGR) Project**

**OPG Letter: CD# 00216-CORR-00120-0770360**

**OPG Proprietary**

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Dear Chief Nadjiwon and Chief Anoquot:

**Re: SON Ratification Vote Results for Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (L&ILW DGR) Project**

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 31, 2020 confirming the results of Saugeen Ojibway Nation's (SON) community ratification vote regarding Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) L&ILW DGR Project. OPG understands that the members of the SON have decided not to support the L&ILW DGR Project.

OPG will respect the SON Communities' decision and will uphold its 2013 commitment not to proceed with the DGR at the Bruce site without SON support.

OPG appreciates SON's commitment and efforts in engaging with OPG and its community members on the L&ILW DGR Project. The outcome of SON's decision on this project is the culmination of over 15 years of discussions and engagement between OPG and SON. OPG recognizes that SON's decision not to support the L&ILW DGR project is significant for both SON and OPG. OPG will need to take the time required to appropriately assess and reflect on the results of the SON's vote.

I would like to thank both of you for the opportunity that OPG was granted to come into the SON territory and engage with community members throughout 2018 and 2019. The support of yourselves and Joint Council in these efforts was invaluable in moving forward toward this decision.

OPG remains committed to continuing a dialogue with SON about future potential solutions for the safe and long-term storage of low and intermediate level nuclear waste and to working with SON on identifying and resolving legacy issues related to the development of the Bruce Nuclear site.

As part of OPG's L&ILW DGR Project closure process, OPG will be sending SON further correspondence to address the administrative aspects of OPG and SON's engagement on the L&ILW DGR Project.

We look forward to the meeting that you have indicated you will convene. We believe that such a meeting with SON's Joint Chiefs and Councils to debrief on the process and outcome of SON's recent decision on the L&ILW DGR project and to discuss next steps would be mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,



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Vice President  
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cc: Ian Jacobsen (OPG)  
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