



**Final submission from
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**Mémoire définitif de
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)

Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens (LNC)

Application from the CNL to amend its
Chalk River Laboratories site licence to
authorize the construction of a near surface
disposal facility

Demande des LNC visant à modifier le permis
du site des Laboratoires de Chalk River pour
autoriser la construction d'une installation de
gestion des déchets près de la surface

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission
Partie 2**

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Many reasons have been put forward to build an NSDF farther away from the Ottawa River and population, or to build a more substantial facility. Why is the recommended NSDF location still the same? Foremost in decision making, is the safety of people living near. As we have seen in European media this week, by the true or manipulative rumor of an explosion, radioactive waste is vulnerable to attack, with large populations at risk. Extreme climatic events could present risk. An NSDF is extremely vulnerable. And even more vulnerable, constructed near nuclear reactors, a military base and Canada's Capital. Our river has suffered nuclear contamination from Chalk River in the past on numerous occasions. We need a much better solution. Also, foremost in our decision making, is the advice of First Nations. If their advice is not taken and implemented, all attempts at reconciliation are void. The consequences will be disastrous, with negative impact for all. The native People are our Elder Statesmen and Stateswomen. They have wisdom and connection to the land that few of us can match. This NSDF is not the will of the people living along the river. It is not the will of the First Nations. It isn't the will of leading scientists and environmentalists, independent of industry. Why is it going ahead? Personally, I love the River and its shores near Chalk River. I ran barefoot through the red pine forests as a child, explored creeks and logging trails, fought storm waves that threatened to smash my canoe against Oiseau Rock and made it home with bleeding hands. We drank water straight from the river in early Spring, camped on the islands and read and dreamed in the tree house we built. We experienced the shocking health effects of nuclear contamination of our drinking water, air and plants. Until we develop a satisfactory Nuclear Waste Policy and can reach an agreement with First Nations, scientists independent of industry, civil society and government, we need to put the NSDF on hold and wait until a better solution is found. God keep our land glorious, clean and free.

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